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Tributes pour in for goalkeeping great 'The Cat'

Bert Williams, nicknamed 'The Cat', makes yet another save playing for England

TRIBUTES are pouring in from all over the world to Wolves, Walsall and England goalkeeping great Bert Williams MBE, who has died aged 93.

Wolves will be holding a minute's applause before Saturday's home match against Bristol City, and say a celebration of his life will take place.

His family have requested a private funeral, but say plans for a memorial service at St Peter's Church are in the pipeline so he can be remembered by hundreds of fans.

The star, nicknamed 'The Cat' because of his extraordinary agility, passed away at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, where he had been for a week.

He played 420 games for Wolves and won 24 caps for England. He was the country's oldest living international, with that mantle now passing to Sir Tom Finney, who will be 92 in April.

Bert's family thanked the many well-wishers who had paid tribute to him. Son-in-law David Crawshaw said: "Bert slipped away peacefully surrounded by family. You couldn't have wished for a calmer way to go."

Former Wolves goalkeeper Matt Murray led the tributes: "He was, without question, Wolves greatest goalkeeper and a top, top man. The word 'legend' gets bandied about too easily these days, but in Bert's case he was the ultimate legend."

Recently, Bert – who has a sports centre named after him in Bilston – fell victim to Alzheimer's, the disease which claimed his wife Evelyn in 2002. Following her death he helped raise £150,000 for the Alzheimer's Society. Those efforts contributed towards his MBE for services to football and charity in 2010.

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Stand-in hospital doctors cost £4m

SPENDING on stand-in doctors in A&E has more than quadrupled at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, new figures revealed.

Across the West Midlands the figure has soared – with the bill standing at more than £4 million a year.

Bosses said the expense was necessary to cover a UK shortage of skilled consultants. New Cross spent £194,762 on locum doctors in 2012/13 – up from just £44,205 in 2009/10.

Reduced

The biggest bill was for Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust, where the figure has also quadrupled in four years to more than £2.3 million. The trust, which runs A&E departments at Sandwell and City hospitals, spent £588,456 in 2009/10, which leapt to £2,357,347 in 2012/13.

The bill at Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Manor Hospital, however, reduced from £456,012 to £221,433.

Nationally, the data showed that spending on locums was £83.3 million last year, a rise from £52 million in 2009/10. Agency doctors are employed for almost one in 10 consultant shifts and up to one in six more junior posts, the figures revealed.

Anelka now on FA charge

WEST Bromwich Albion striker Nicolas Anelka has been charged by the FA after making a gesture considered to be anti-Semitic during a goal celebration.

He performed the controversial 'quenelle' gesture during a goal celebration in West Bromwich Albion's match against West Ham on December 28, and now faces a lengthy ban.

The gesture isn't well known here but it caused a storm across the Channel as it is deemed anti-Semitic by critics in France.

CITY 'BIN BUDDIES' MOVE RUBBISHED

THE introduction of 'bin buddies' on Wolverhampton streets has been dubbed a 'waste of money' by some residents.

The move is part of a government scheme to tell people how to sort their rubbish properly. A total of £26,000 is being spent on hiring the five bin buddies for a 66-day period.

It is part of a government-funded drive to improve recycling in Whitmore Reans, which has one of the worst rates in the city.

A total of 16 streets in the area are being targeted in a Government crackdown called the 66-day challenge.

And if improvements are made the area could get Government support for two community projects of its choice.

But the move to bring in bin buddies has been criticised by some. Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Shirley Oates, aged 74, who lives in Austin Street, Whitmore Reans, said: "Spending £26,000 on teaching people to do something they should already know how to do is just ridiculous really.

"We have had so many leaflets through the doors telling us how to recycle rubbish. The problem is that people can't be bothered to do it. It is just laziness.

"The government is wasting money they can't afford to spend and I would prefer to see the council taking action by fining those responsible instead."

by Catherine Dalton

Council chiefs in Wolverhampton have stressed the scheme is being funded entirely by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Councillor John Reynolds, city services boss, said: "The Government is targeting neighbourhoods around the country where the take-up of recycling services hasn't been as great as it could be.

"We know from our research that while the recycling message has got through to most areas of Wolverhampton, we need to try harder for Whitmore Reans. That's why we're happy to take up the Government's challenge."

Benefits

He said the programme would have benefits beyond Whitmore Reans too.

"Communities outside Whitmore Reans will benefit too, as higher recycling rates will boost the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the service as a whole," he added.

"That means better value for money for everyone."

The 16 streets taking part in the challenge are Drummond Street, Gloucester Street, Mostyn Street, Francis Street, Paget Street, Sherwood Street, Evans Street, Dunkley Street, Bright Street, Slaveley Road, Rugby Street, Harrow Street, Leicester Street, Fawdry Street, Great Hampton Street and Chester Street.

Bin buddies will not look in bins unless requested by residents.

Gracie Thomas, aged six, who has been left devastated after her pet tawny owl Claude was stolen

Desperate plea after owl stolen

A SIX-YEAR-OLD girl has been left devastated after her tame owl, who would fall asleep in her arms, was stolen from her garden.

Claude the tawny owl was snatched from his aviary in Lower Street, Tettenhall, after thieves entered the family garden and broke off the padlock.

Since he went missing, young Gracie Thomas has been 'hysterical', says her mother Kate. She is now offering an award of £100 to anyone who can supply her with information that leads to the owl being found.

Miss Thomas, aged 42, says she is petrified someone may dump the bird without realising it cannot fend for itself, having lived in captivity for more than three years.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101.

Donations flood in for Steve's charity aid

Inspirational – Steve Evans

A FUNDRAISING page set up in honour of inspirational father Steve Evans raised nearly £6,000 in less than two days – with the total continuing to rise.

The 52-year-old died last week following a two-year battle with stomach cancer. He had charted his journey on Twitter and gained an army of more than 26,000 supporters.

Money is being raised in his honour for Wolverhampton's Compton Hospice.

Followers

The funeral of the inspirational father who shared his story of living with incurable cancer with thousands of people over the internet will be held at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall.

The retired building surveyor gained more than 26,000 followers on Twitter and become a star guest on TV and radio shows.

The service, on February 3 at 12.30pm, will be the first time in the 75-year history of the Civic Hall that it has been used for a funeral and a huge turnout is expected.

● To us he was simply dad – Page 5

Council tax rates frozen

COUNCIL tax rates in South Staffordshire will stay as they are for another year.

The freeze will cover 2014/15 and comes as the local authority sets out its budget for the next year.

It has the fourth lowest council tax rate in the country, with band D properties paying £95.34. In Wolverhampton, council tax will increase by two per cent next year – the maximum increase allowed without calling a referendum.

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Campaigners lose fight to keep day centre

CAMPAIGNERS lost their fight to stop a day service centre for adults with learning disabilities from closing.

It was agreed at a meeting of Staffordshire County Council cabinet meeting that the Codsall centre in Histons Hill will shut. Service users will be forced to travel elsewhere as a result.

The decision to shut the site is part of a massive overhaul of services for disabled adults in the county. However, it is not part of Staffordshire County Council's £109 million budget cuts over the next five years.

Campaigners spoke of their disappointment after the meeting, adding they are now worried about the future of provision for adults with learning disabilities.

Eight other centres in Cannock, Lichfield, Stafford, Kidsgrove, two in Newcastle, Burton and Tamworth will also either close, move or downsize, it was agreed.

It was also agreed during the meeting that one third of Staffordshire's schools will have their budgets cut.

Councillor Alan White, cabinet member for care, told the meeting: "There needs to be changes to the day opportunities for people with learning disabilities. We recognise as an authority that this is a sensitive area.

"There will be a transition period of around 18 months to two year. It's clear this is the right way to go."

However, concerns about the changes were made by Councillor John Taylor, the leader of the opposition Labour Party. He said: "We are extremely concerned about the pace of the changes and the major impact on carers."

Gipsy pitch plan vetoed for 'stretched' village

'WE are already stretched to the limit' – the words of a village parish council chairman after plans for a controversial 15-pitch gipsy caravan site in Essington were thrown out.

The development had been earmarked for land in Bursnips Road, Essington, but was turned down due to the impact it would have on the green belt.

The proposals, which would have seen an eight-pitch site already there extended, and a day room and six utility blocks built, had sparked concern among parish councillors who unanimously voted against it last year.

Now the plans have also been thrown out by South Staffordshire Council.

The plans were submitted in October by a Mr Clee, who had lived on the site with his family since 1987. South Staffordshire Councillor David Clifft, who is also chairman of Essington Parish Council, said there was 'a number of key problems' with the application.

Intrusion

Describing the decision as 'a positive result', Councillor Clifft said: "My main concern was the intrusion on green belt land the extension of the site would cause.

"But there were other major issues such as the affect the new homes would have on the infrastructure of the village.

Our facilities are already stretched to the limit. Schools are over-subscribed and we simply don't have the space to contend with an increased population in the area."

Councillor Clifft said since the plans were put forward the parish council had received 119 letters of objection from Essington residents.

"This is nothing to do with people being against gipsies," he said.

Prison is defended as inquiry continues

DETECTIVES are still gathering evidence into serious disorder which broke out at a Featherstone prison earlier this month.

Up to 20 prisoners were involved in the trouble which broke out at the G4S-run HMP Oakwood on January 5. Staffordshire Police are investigating.

Police spokeswoman, Faye Casey, said: "The police investigation into the recent disorder at HMP Oakwood is now well underway.

Issues

"No arrests have yet been made. Our investigation will be detailed and thorough and will take time."

The prison opened in 2012 but has been plagued by a number of issues including other outbreaks of trouble.

However, Justice Secretary, Chris Grayling has backed the prison and said steps have been taken to make improvements.

Speaking after the the problems, Mr Grayling said: "If you look at the rate of trouble in Oakwood it is not anywhere near the top of the league table.

"It is average for disturbance and problems in prisons, which are always going to happen."

Friends to aid of landlord after raid on wishing well

Landlord Neil Taylor, from The Fox at Shipley, with Matt Eccles and Steve Plant, who have donated money after the theft from the pub wishing well

GOOD Samaritans have come to the aid of a pub landlord who was left outraged after charity money destined to help seriously ill children was stolen from his pub.

Thieves struck at the Fox at Shipley, near Wolverhampton and made off with £80 from a charity wishing well at the front of the pub. But when friends of stricken landlord Neil Taylor heard about the theft, they decided to step in and replace the stolen money.

Steve Plant, from Wordsley, Matt Eccles, who lives on Penn Road and David Miles, from Codsall, donated £100 each to the Birmingham Children's Hospital. Mr Taylor embarked on a fundraising drive for the hospital seven years ago after his daughter Kiahna was diagnosed with a heart condition. In that period she has undergone five life-saving heart operations there.

Mr Taylor said the whole family had been touched by the amount of support they had received in the wake of the theft.

"The support we have had from the community has been incredible," he said. "It makes me so proud to see the generosity of our friends and customers at such a difficult time."

One of the donors, Mr Eccles, won £100 in the pub's pontoon competition last week but immediately gave the money to charity after hearing about the theft.

Four 18-year-olds from Wolverhampton were arrested in connection with the theft in Perton on Monday night, but all have since been released without charge.

Matt set to tough out birthday challenge

Tough Guys in training – Tom Davies and Matt Johnson

FOR some, a 40th birthday could be the trigger to buy a soft-top sports car, start wearing skinny jeans or snap up a ticket for Glastonbury.

But for father-of-one Matt Johnson it was the inspiration for running through burning bales of hay, freezing cold water up to his neck and crawling under barbed wire on extreme assault courses.

Mr Johnson, father to nine-year-old Harry, is taking on the Tough Guy challenge in Perton with fellow council worker Tom Davies this Sunday.

The 40-year-old is hoping to raise £500 from the event towards the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. He chose the cause because his wife Karen passed away from the disease a month after giving birth to their only son at the age of 32.

He said: "It's great when we get notified of new donations as it means we'll run that little bit faster. "

Mr Johnson will take on the challenge with colleague Mr Davies, 41, who lives in Kingswinford.

To sponsor visit **http://www.justgiving.com/maf40**

Quiz night to raise a smile

A QUIZ night in aid of Paul's Fun Fund takes place next month.

The fund was set up following the death from leukaemia of Paul Lee-Davis, aged 37, from Willenhall in November 2011.

It provides treats and days out for young adult patients at the haematology unit at New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

The quiz takes place on Saturday, February 22 from 8pm at the Fingerpost pub in Lime Lane, Pelsall. Admission is £5 each for teams of four-to-six. Email cannockcp@yahoo.co.uk or call 07881 521038

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Disabled child left locked up in minibus

A DISABLED child was left locked inside a council-run minibus in a depot after the driver and his assistant failed to notice the youngster was still on board, it can be revealed.

The 10-year-old was among a group of pupils being transported by single-decker bus to Tettenhall Wood School in Wolverhampton. But when the bus returned to the depot 30 minutes later one child was still on board.

Suspended

The driver and an escort got off the bus and locked the doors on reaching the depot – seemingly unaware of the youngster's presence.

Wolverhampton City Council confirmed two members of staff had been suspended and a full investigation had been launched.

Councillor Phil Page, Wolverhampton City Council's Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Learning, said: "Unfortunately, an incident occurred where a pupil from Tettenhall Wood School had been left on a minibus after all other students were dropped off on its normal morning journey.

"Our immediate concern was for the safety and welfare of the child, who was thankfully not injured or distressed by the incident."

Revamp hope for eyesore

A LONG-STANDING eyesore on a main route through Wolverhampton is set for a revamp after plans were put forward for its future.

The former Charles Clark Rover dealership has been standing empty in Chapel Ash for 15 years. But hopes for its future use have been sparked after a planning application was submitted to the local authority.

It asks for permission to re-clad the building, officially known as Clifton House, and to create a rear car park and servicing area.

The building is set to be overhauled and it is hoped it will become retail space on the bottom floor and 12 apartments on the upper floors.

Explosive Blast Off finale to become a tour

ORGANISERS promised it would go out with a bang and now Wolverhampton's legendary club night Blast Off will be touring the venues it has been held at over the years during its final weeks.

Blast Off's final night will be held in the city's Civic Hall on March 8 but as tickets quickly sold out fans have been given an extra chance to bid the club farewell after promoters announced an additional night.

The club's penultimate night will now be at the Civic Hall on March 7. Civic spokesman Jonn Penney said: "Together with the promoter we have decided to put on an extra date so more people can sample the Blast Off experience."

And in the weeks before the final event the promoters have now announced that Blast Off will be held at fellow Wolverhampton venues the Wulfrun Hall and the Slade Rooms. Organisers hope the nights will attract big crowds in the next two months.

Just over 1,000 people can fit into the Wulfrun Hall, while the Slade Rooms – which opened in 2010 – holds 550.

Surprise

Dozens of revellers were left disappointed after failing to secure a ticket for the last of the Blast Off club nights, which have been axed after 18 years.

The Civic venue is the destination for revellers this Saturday and February 1. On February 8, 15 and 22 the Wulfrun again hosts Blast Off before the club night moves to the Slade Rooms on March 1. For the big March 8 finale Blast Off will be in the Civic, while fellow long-running event Cheeky Monkey will also be revived for a one-off night at the Wulfrun Hall.

Civic spokesman Jonn Penney said: "It'll be nice to revisit all the city centre venues it's made its home at over the years.

"Obviously this will culminate in a huge last night for Blast Off at its spiritual home at the Civic."

Blast Off promoter Dave Travis admitted that the huge interest in the final night had taken him by surprise.

Cheeky Monkey was axed as a weekly fixture for Wolverhampton clubbers in 2010 and is held on special occasions.

Curtain set to come down on funding for 13 groups

THIRTEEN organisations will see their funding stopped under £1.6 million of voluntary sector cuts by Wolverhampton City Council.

Central Youth Theatre, Wildside Activity Centre in Whitmore Reans and Wolverhampton Community Transport are among the organisations which will see their council funding cease from April.

And bosses at the youth theatre have warned they fear they will not be able to carry on. A further 17 organisations will continue to receive funding for 2014 to 2015 only.

Leisure chief Elias Mattu will put the proposal to the city cabinet this week. He said: "It is with a heavy heart that I will take a report to cabinet next week asking my colleagues to agree to cease funding some voluntary groups which do such valuable work in this city."

Detailed proposals reveal 13 groups will see their local authority funding stopped in April, while a further 17 will continue to receive funding for the next financial year only as part of £1.6 million cuts. Twelve will continue to get financial support for the foreseeable future.

The move will put up to 93 jobs at risk and has sparked fears it will impact on some of the more vulnerable members of society.

Angry

Central Youth Theatre is based at the Newhampton Arts Centre in Dunkley Street, the group has been running for 30 years and has provided activities for thousands of city youngsters.

Director Jane Ward MBE said: "I'm angry really because we pleaded with the council for time. We asked them not to cut funding to us straight away so we could get more time and come up with some kind of way of funding the group and build a business plan to make us sustainable. But if they take the grant away at the speed they are proposing to, then our future is at risk."

At the time that the proposed cuts were first announced, superstar soul singer Beverley Knight – currently starring in The Bodyguard in London's West End – tweeted her support for the group.

As part of the cuts proposed, Wolverhampton Samaritans would no longer receive its £2,250 funding from April. Vernon Dodd, publicity manager for the branch, said: "We're very, very disappointed. We do rely on that contribution as we have to raise £30,000 a year ourselves to keep our services running. But we are not going to close because of this but it will make it more difficult to raise that additional funding in what is already a difficult climate."

Central Youth Theatre Director Jane Ward MBE with campaigners when cuts were first announced

Wildside Activity Centre, in Hordern Road, Whitmore Reans, is set to lose its £73,160 grant from April. Chair of the board of directors Liz Hoggarth said: "The board meets very soon to review the effect of this decision.

"We understand the appalling predicament the council faces but the services we offer in adventurous activities and environmental education are a vital support to schools and families."

Other groups set to lose funding are Blakenhall Community Advice Centre; BME United; Jericho House; Relate; Stratton Street Community Project; Wildside Activity Centre; Wolverhampton Community Radio; Wolverhampton Community Transport; Wolverhampton Gateway Clubs, YMCA and Young in Wolverhampton Clubs.

Some groups will continue to receive funding from the council but will do so at a much-reduced rate. Age UK Wolverhampton will receive £48,050 from next year instead of £120,130 a year, while domestic violence support charity The Haven will get £175,000 rather than £204,230. Ian Darch, chief executive of Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council, today said the reality was voluntary and community sector cuts of more than 50 per cent in the next two years.

"As a result vulnerable people in our communities will lose services, and over 200 jobs will be placed at risk, along with support for over 800 volunteers," he said.

"The services affected include those for young people, the elderly, disabled people, the homeless and other vulnerable groups.

"The council itself is facing huge cuts to its funding from Central Government, but these cuts are being passed on to the city's voluntary and community sector at a level that places at risk the future of the sector as a provider of crucial services to local people."

Chiefs said it was a 'heavy heart' they put forward proposals to reduce funding to the voluntary sector and to cease funding some voluntary groups completely.

Leisure boss Councillor Elias Mattu said that since 2010 the Government had reduced its grants to Wolverhampton by 52 per cent which resulted in savings of £123 million over the next five years.

NEWS in brief

Jobs saved with Hooty's takeover

DISCOUNT store Hooty's, which closed last month after 50 years of trading, will be taken over by a home furnishing chain and reopened in weeks – with all 100 jobs being saved.

The popular store in Willenhall shut on December 31, and bosses at The Range have announced the store in the Longacres Industrial Estate, Rose Hill, will open on April 11 – and all staff from Hooty's will be employed there.

The futures of the Kidderminster branch of Hooty's, which shut last month, or the outlet in Erdington, are not known.

Ex-Baggies boss injured in crash

FORMER West Bromwich Albion manager and Argentinian World Cup winner Ossie Ardiles has been injured in a car crash on the Falkland Islands.

Ardiles was on the island with ex-teammate Ricky Villa, making a documentary about the Falklands War and how it affected their careers.

The 61-year-old was airlifted to King Edward Memorial Hospital in Stanley, the capital of the Islands. He needed 21 stitches to a head wound. Ardiles was driving from Darwin to Stanley when he swerved to avoid a sheep.

Punk poet due at Wulfrun Hall

LEGENDARY poet and rock star John Cooper Clarke is coming to the Black Country as part of his latest tour.

The performance poet – known for his satirical, political deliveries – is synonymous with the punk movement of the 1970s.

He toured with the Sex Pistols, the Clash, Buzzcocks and Elvis Costello.

Tickets for the show at the Wulfrun Hall in Wolverhampton on May 10 are £19.50

Historic Hall plans backed

AN historic farmhouse will have one of its original doors reinstalled, after planning bosses gave the go-ahead.

Other improvements will be made to two rooms inside Moseley Old Hall, while the door to the volunteer room will provide increased space to the buttery room. Wolverhampton City Council has approved the plans.

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IN A landmark case, an Afghan man has been granted asylum in Britain because he has renounced Islam to become an atheist. He fears he would be killed if he returned to his homeland. After Fusilier Lee Rigby was murdered on the streets of Woolwich, what makes him think he's any safer in England than in Kabul?

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A READER writes: "Yesterday I accidentally drove over Dave while getting into the car." Turns out Dave was the name of the sat-nav which had served him and his wife loyally for 10 years. They miss his voice. He wonders whether other readers give their sat-navs names.

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REMEMBER how superior the French used to be about unfaithful politicians? Oh, you English, they would snigger. You take ze adultery so seriously. We 'ere in France are so romantic, so sophisticated and so laid-back zat we 'ardly even take notice of such amours. And then their President Hollande has a liaison with an actress and all hell breaks loose. He starts whining about privacy and threatens to sue the magazine which broke the story (scratch a liberal, find a fascist) . His previous mistress, the First Lady of France, is admitted to hospital with a Gallic condition described as "un petit coup de blues." Not so laid-back after all, are they? Adultery hurts the sophisticated French just as much as it hurts Brits. The difference is that when British politicians are caught in the wrong bed, they don't shoot the messenger. They accept public ridicule as part of the price they pay for living in a democracy. And their spouses, gawd bless 'em, adopt a Churchillian stoicism for the cameras, maintain their dignity and would never dream of rushing off to hospital. The Bulldog Breed doesn't do privacy. And it certainly doesn't do the blues.

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AND to those clots who say a politician's sex life is a private matter, do explain how a president scuttling around Paris on a scooter like a lovesick 20-year-old can be fully focused on serving his country.

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HERE'S something that could never possibly happen in a democracy. You get a demand to pay £145.50 towards somebody else's pension. If you don't pay you will get a criminal record and could end up in prison. It is happening. The BBC is taking £740 million of TV licence payers' money to help plug a £2 billion hole in its pension fund. The equivalent of five million viewers' fees will be spent not on making programmes but to ensure BBC employees spend their retirement in rather more comfort than most of us can expect.

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SO what do the following countries have in common: Australia, New Zealand, Finland, Hungary, Iceland and Holland? They're among the 14 countries in the world which once had TV licences but had the good sense to scrap them. The sooner we do the same, the better.

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ED MILIBAND, writing in that Tory bible the Daily Telegraph, says he will "rebuild our middle class." So who's looking after the proletariat these days? How does that old song go: "The working class can kiss . . ."

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AND if Miliband can build new homes, cut the gas bill, create real graduate jobs and make us all more prosperous now, why didn't he do it when he was in power?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Liam says sorry over 360ft ledge snap

ONE Direction star Liam Payne has apologised after a snap showed him teetering on the brink of a 360ft-high ledge.

Wolverhampton's Liam posed for a photograph after climbing from a window at his London apartment. The snap showed him just inches from the edge of a 34th floor balcony.

It is believed the photo was taken during a visit from some of his friends from the Black Country who had joined him to celebrate bandmate Zayn Malik's 21st birthday. It came hours after he made a plea to followers of his band to stop visiting his home.

Former St Peter's Collegiate School pupil Liam took to Twitter to say: "You may have seen a photo of me today taken on top of a building. I regret being there and having a photo taken.

"It was a stupid and irresponsible thing to do. I am sorry, and do not endorse any fans trying to repeat this, as it is extremely dangerous."

Earlier, the One Direction singer had begged fans to leave him alone and complained that people had been hanging around his house and taking pictures.

He said: "I'd just like to be able to walk outside as everyone does and enjoy time with my friends, not feel bad for not wanting to take a picture.

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Liam on balcony ledge

Jail for two caught in big drugs crackdown

TWO dealers who were caught as part of the biggest blitz on drugs and gangs in Wolverhampton's history have been jailed.

Scott Crutchley and Lorette Davies were arrested after police carried out raids on homes across the city in a blitz on criminal activity known as Operation No Deal.

The pair are the first to be sentenced as a result of the crackdown. Sentencing on numerous other criminals arrested in No Deal takes place this week.

Miss Jennifer Josephs, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that police came across Crutchley as they monitored a gang leader named as Dwayne Jackson. Jackson drove to Crutchley's address on Dickinson Avenue and beeped his horn at around 9.05am on November 9, 2012.

She said: "A man came out of the house and got into Jackson's car, but just for a short period of time. The police believed some exchange must have taken place, because he soon got out and Jackson drove away."

Scales

When police raided the house later, 42-year-old Crutchley threw something from an upstairs window.

She added: "When police entered the house they found Crutchley near the window, and in the garden a plastic bag containing 22.1 grams of crack cocaine."

Miss Josephs said the drugs were said to be worth £1,580. In the house they also found two sets of scales, 3.9 grams of heroin in a plastic bag, and around £250 worth of cash.

In police interview he said that he was a drug addict who used crack cocaine.

Jackson's number was stored on Crutchley's phone and text messages between the pair suggested drug deals had taken place.

Lorette Davies

Crutchley admitted possessing crack cocaine and heroin with intent to supply and possessing cannabis.

Michael Anning, defending Crutchley, told the court that his client had a lesser role in the operation. He said: "The police came upon him whilst they were following other people involved. He had no idea of the extent of the drugs operation."

The court was also told that Davies was a former partner of Jackson and the mother of his child and that he had been spotted at her home in Ellerton Walk, Park Village, during the undercover operation.

A police raid on her home found a large amount of class A drugs and cannabis worth around £7,000, and £4,000 in cash. The 29-year-old was found guilty of of conspiracy to supply cocaine, heroin and cannabis.

Mr Jon Roe, defending Davies said she was influenced by her former partner, and there was no suggestion that she was actually doing any dealing. Davies was jailed for two years and Crutchley for three years and five months.

Pledge on future of baths as petition is handed in

Peter Holmes MBE, Carol Bailey and Councillor Elias Mattu, and petition supporters

BOSSES have pledged to do all they can to save a swimming baths being threatened by council cuts. More than 6,000 people signed a petition to oppose the closure of Central Baths, which was handed in to councillors at the Wolverhampton venue.

Cash-strapped Wolverhampton City Council has said it will be forced to close the centre unless a private operator can be found, allowing it to break even and axe its £316,000 subsidy.

It comes as the local authority looks to make £123 million of savings over five years.

Carol Bailey, who regularly uses the leisure centre in Bath Avenue, has led the campaign to keep it open. She handed the petition to the council's leisure chief, Councillor Elias Mattu.

"We're very pleased with how the campaign is going," she said. "I'm grateful to Councillor Mattu for being here as he has really been on the case.

"A lot of this is about money but we really need to keep the baths open. The petition is a way of drawing attention to how strongly people feel about the baths. It makes no financial sense to close an exercise venue as important as this one."

Commercial

The council says it is working to devise a new business plan with a more commercial focus together with the Amateur Swimming Association and Sport England.

Councillor Mattu praised campaigners and said he hoped their efforts would not be in vain. "It's a very important issue and many people have used this facility for many years," he said.

Estate to have £1m worth of work done

NEW roofs and gutters are being installed as part of a £1.1 million improvement programme being carried out on a housing estate.

Work is taking place on 52 blocks of two-storey flats on the Lodge Farm Estate in Willenhall.

Scaffolding has been installed and the work is under way at the properties off Stroud Avenue in Short Heath that are owned by social landlord Walsall Housing Group.

Standards

The association's senior building surveyor Bryn Reece said: "Extensive work is currently being carried out on the Stroud estate as part of our routine maintenance programme.

"We are committed to maintaining standards at all of our properties and a stock condition survey revealed these blocks had become tired and required work to maintain our high standards.

"Work being undertaken includes repointing, reroofing, replacement of fascias and guttering, repairs to concrete walkways and stairs and where necessary redecoration of communal areas.

Drink drive man banned after crash

A DRIVER who crashed into another car while over the alcohol limit has been banned.

Former electrician Paul Myles, aged 29, was driving a work van on Broad Lane North, Wednesfield, on December 21. He had driven about a mile to buy cigarettes when he hit a parked BMW, Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court heard.

Police conducted a breath test, which found he had 72 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath. The legal limit is 35 microgrammes.

Mr Gurdeep Gill, defending, said nobody had been injured. His client had been dismissed from his job as a result of the incident.

Myles, of Sneyd Hall Road, Bloxwich, admitted driving while over the alcohol limit. Magistrates heard he had a similar offence on his record. He was banned for three years, fined £100 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £20 victim surcharge.

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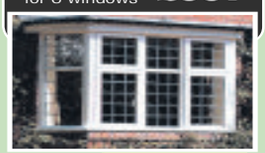
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Policing bill for troubled match cut by £10,000

A £20,000 bill for policing a controversial Wolves match that was marred by violence has been slashed in half.

Port Vale Football Club were originally ordered to shell out £20,509 in policing costs after a trouble flared throughout the day of the club's home game with Wolves last year.

But they will now pay £10,936 after Staffordshire's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis agreed to cut the bill.

Thirteen Wolves fans were among 34 people arrested before, during and after the match on August 31 as trouble broke out around the Vale Park stadium.

Critical

Officials at Port Vale had originally classed the match as 'Category B', meaning a reduced number of officers were on duty, but it was subsequently re-classified as the higher risk 'Category C'.

This meant the club was charged at the higher rate, but chairman Norman Smurthwaite contested the bill after insisting the bulk of the incidents took place away from the stadium.

Now Mr Ellis, who was highly critical of the police for their handling of the match, decided to reduce the figure after examining an internal police report.

Fears on axe of village school bus

A SCHOOL bus service has been scrapped in Coven leaving parents worried there many not be room for their children on public transport.

Parents living in the village whose children attend Wolgarston High School in Stafford, have been told their school coach service is being withdrawn with immediate effect.

In a letter from the school, they were told that pupils will now need to use the public bus service and that they should apply to Staffordshire County Council for a free pass.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson says many parents have raised concerns with him, including that the public bus may not have the capacity.

Inspirational cancer sufferer Steve dies at 52

INSPIRATIONAL father Steve Evans, who shared his story of living with incurable cancer with thousands of people over the internet, has died.

The 52-year-old from Wolverhampton became a media star after appearing on Richard Bacon's programme on Radio 5 Live and as a guest on the BBC's Breakfast programme.

But it was his regular and uplifting messages on the social networking website Twitter that gained him an army of 26,000 supporters and well-wishers from far and wide.

And his daughter said that it gave them great comfort that their 'amazing dad' had been able to become such an inspiration to so many people. He passed away in his sleep in New Cross Hospital.

Radio Five Live presenter Richard Bacon visited Steve in hospital earlier last week and recorded a final interview on his phone. In it Steve said: "Love is all around and I am so blessed that I have had so much around me."

He spent 32 years as a building surveyor for Wolverhampton City Council, but was also a magician and comedian. He retired from his job after being diagnosed with incurable stomach cancer two years ago.

He would compere comedy nights at Wolverhampton's Civic Halls, where he also worked for a decade 'ripping tickets', as he put it, and looking after some of the big name stars that performed there.

He was the person who made sure that comedians had everything they needed before and after their performances – and was so well liked by performers and staff at the Civic that his name was added to a wall of fame alongside the likes of Lenny Henry and Noddy Holder.

Comedian Jimmy Carr attended the ceremony in October last year. Steve was overjoyed to have been able to spend Christmas at home in Old Fallings Lane with his wife of 28 years, Septina, and their daughters Megan, aged 26, and Lauren, 21.

It was Megan who announced her father's death over Twitter and Facebook. She said: "This is Meg. This is a message to all. The man that is Dad had passed peacefully in his sleep. We thank you for all your support xxx."

She said: "It was a great shock at first that so many people were following him online. "To us, dad was always dad. What he did was an amazing thing but it never changed our feelings towards him. He was inspirational to us.

Steve's old school friend John Price, aged 52, of Hill Meadows, Compton, said: "It was incredible seeing the responses from people. Whenever Steve went on the radio the phone would keep buzzing."

To us he was simply dad, and one that we idolised

by Daniel Wainwright

TO THOUSANDS of people, Steve Evans was the inspirational man who faced cancer with humour and never let it stop him enjoying his life.

To his daughters Megan and Lauren, he was simply 'dad'. And one they idolised.

The 52-year-old comedian, magician and building surveyor passed away in New Cross Hospital last week after living with stomach cancer for two years.

In that time he had gained 26,000 followers on Twitter and had become a popular guest on Richard Bacon's show on Radio Five Live and BBC Breakfast as he talked about his condition.

His eldest daughter Megan, aged 26, said that the attention from thousands of people had come as a shock at first, but that it proved she and 21-year-old Lauren and their mother Septina were right to idolise him as an inspirational figure.

Peaceful

Megan said today she was pleased that her father had been given time to prepare his 'journey' and that he had been able to spend Christmas with the family at home in Old Fallings Lane, Wolverhampton.

She said: "The world never lets you plan for the big things but for some reason it listened to my dad. He got what he wanted, which was time to prepare.

"He wanted people to know he was peaceful and comfortable. That was all he was fussed about when it came to the end. He didn't want to worry people."

In interviews over the past two years, Steve was adamant he did not want to be referred to as 'brave'. But he confronted what was happening to him and turned it into a celebration of life, rather than a fear of death.

With the same sense of humour her father always showed, Megan said: "There was no other word to describe him. We've struggled to find a word that sums dad up because he was simply him. They broke the mould when they made him."

Megan believes that her father's long illness gave him the time to share his life with thousands of people, as well as with close friends and family. "There was a reason he was still here," she said. "He inspired a lot of people. Everyone who knew him, his way of explaining things, liked him.

"There are a lot of Steve Evans about because it's a common name. But around here, everyone knew him and when they talked about 'Steve' they were referring to him."

Megan, Lauren and their mother Septina had to come to terms with sharing Steve with the rest of the world.

"It was a great shock at first that so many people were following him online," Megan said. To us, dad was always dad. What he did was an amazing thing but it never changed our feelings towards him. He was inspirational to us.

"The fact that so many other people found him inspirational validated our own thoughts."

Steve Evans with daughters Megan and Lauren and his wife of 28 years Septina, in a picture released by his family

Immortalised on a wall of fame alongside comedians and rock gods, Steve Evans will never be forgotten. He always described himself as just a 'man from the council' but towards the end of his all-too-short life he brought joy and inspiration to people all over the country.

Comfortable

He reached out to the world on Twitter, where his followers grew as he described taking joy in the simplest of things and some of the medical complications that came from receiving treatment to make him more comfortable.

Whether it was sharing Christmas with his Septina and their family, joking with friends or just spending time fishing, Steve made the most of the time he was given.

He had been gaining national attention in recent months after becoming an occasional contributor to Richard Bacon's show. The former Blue Peter presenter also visited Steve when he was in New Cross Hospital.

The radio appearances led to Steve being interviewed three times on BBC One's Breakfast show about issues such as the cost and availability of cancer treatment.

His name is on the wall of fame at the Wolverhampton Civic Halls alongside the likes of Lenny Henry and Noddy Holder and was added during a ceremony attended by comedian Jimmy Carr. Steve spent more than a decade working at the Civic, outside of his day job as a council building surveyor, where he would look after some of the big name stars performing there, including Carr and John Bishop.

He retired from the council in 2012 after his diagnosis but continued to help out at the Civic whenever he could. His other job was as a magician and Steve was a fully-fledged member of the Magic Circle.

NEWS in brief

JLR profits 'a boost for city'

JAGUAR Land Rover's statement of record profits has been hailed as 'fantastic news' for a city.

Wolverhampton MP Emma Reynolds has congratulated the company on its huge growth.

The company announced it sold a record 425,006 vehicles in 2013, up 19 per cent on 2012. It has been recruiting staff for its new engine factory at the i54 business park near to Wolverhampton.

Ms Reynolds, Labour MP for Wolverhampton North East, said: "This is fantastic news for Wolverhampton and a big shot in the arm for our city.

Four jobs go as pasty shop shuts

A CITY centre bakery has closed its doors suddenly with the loss of four jobs.

Bosses of The Cornish Bakehouse in Dudley Street, Wolverhampton, have blamed poor performance for its demise.

The store opened in 2008 and specialised in Cornish pasties. The company has 21 branches across the UK.

New £4m fleet for coach firm

AN award-winning coach tour company has invested £4 million in a new fleet of vehicles.

Parrys International in Cheslyn Hay was on the brink of closure last year after managing director Dave Parry announced he was retiring. But customer power persuaded the firm to continue.

Nine new coaches have been purchased, which are due to arrive in March and bosses say 2014 bookings for 2014 are flooding in.

Fans' delight over 1D books

One Direction will release two books this year, it has been announced.

The group – which includes Wolverhampton's Liam Payne – has signed a deal to publish an official autobiography.

They will also release One Direction: The Official Annual 2015, after penning a deal with publishers HarperCollins.

The news has delighted the band's legion of devoted fans across the world.

One Direction, formed through the X Factor in 2010, have already released a number of books.

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IN MY VIEW WITH MARK ANDREWS

THIS time last week, I wonder how many people outside the West Midland football community would have known that West Bromwich Albion were sponsored by property website Zoopla.

But now the Baggies have been ditched by Zoopla following the row about Anelka's hand gesture, all of Britain knows. And probably half of France for that matter.

It's a strange world, this public relations lark. A company spends £3 million on a sponsorship deal with a Premier League football club, and nobody bats an eyelid. It then says it will no longer be sponsoring the same club, and its name (and thus its website address) is at the front of every news bulletin.

Anelka now has to face an FA disciplinary committee, and I have no idea how it will all pan out.

But I think we all know who the winner is...

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A FRIEND observes that the controversial Channel 4 series Benefits Street is a bit like Sesame Street.

"Both programmes have a bloke living out of a bin and people trying to learn the alphabet."

And a big bird, of course.

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ANOTHER friend recently renewed her car tax on the official Government website, and once it was all done, they automatically redirected her to the organ donor register.

"Not only have I just given away £175, but all my innards too," she observed.

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ED Miliband is calling for the break up of our big banks, saying they have become too powerful and there is a need for more competition.

Too right, it makes you wonder how they ever became so big in the first place.

Some reckon there was this politician chappie, who became concerned when one of the big banks in his own backyard got into trouble, and persuaded another big bank to take it over, creating the biggest bank in the world.

Then when the even bigger bank got into even bigger trouble, he arranged for the taxpayer to step in and nationalise it.

Something about saving the world, he said.

Can't remember his name, but vaguely remember a grumpy Scotsman with a lanky, gawky sidekick.

Wonder what happened to him?

Liam Payne during the X Factor auditions

Liam meets fan Claire Peake in Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Centre

The star shows off some of his tattoos on stage

Is high-flying Liam feeling the pressure?

As more antics involving one of the Black Country's most famous sons – Liam Payne – hit the headlines, **ELIZABETH JOYCE** looks at the costly price of fame

THE FAME game is a difficult one to play. Certainly those in it may think they have the career that they always dreamed of, millions in the bank and adoring fans – but all of that comes with a price.

The 24-hour glare of the paparazzi, the inability to pop out for a pint of milk without being mobbed, the pressure of being a role model; all of it can take its toll.

And it seems it's the younger stars who feel its effects the most, who can't help but crack a little under the pressure. Concerns have been raised in recent months about Miley Cyrus, Justin Bieber, Rihanna and now our very own Liam Payne.

Just a few years ago, Liam was a normal Wolverhampton lad. He'd go to the Hawthorns to watch his beloved Baggies, enjoy family meals at The Spread Eagle pub in Gailey and get stuck into his studies at Wolverhampton College.

Now, he's in the biggest boyband on the planet, with millions of people around the world watching his every move.

He's gone from living with his mum, dad and sisters in Bushbury to a swanky London skyscraper, where fans camp out each and every day just to get a glimpse of their idol.

He may be only 20 years old, but Liam's days of anonymity are already well and truly over.

And it's something he's clearly struggling to come to terms with, taking to Twitter in the last 24 hours to ask for a bit of peace. "I know my friends have tweeted a lot of pictures of my house the past few days but can people please stop coming and waiting outside," he posted.

"I'd just like to be able to walk outside as everyone does and enjoy time with my friends, not feel bad for not wanting to take a picture. Sorry if I've been rude to anyone but I've come to realise if I take one picture more people keep coming everyday."

But, just a few hours after these messages went up to his 15 million-plus Twitter followers, Liam caused even more concern when a picture emerged of him standing on the edge of the balcony of his 34th-floor apartment. While the adoring army of One Directioners have jumped to his defence, saying he's just acting like a normal 20-year-old lad messing about with his friends, many others have accused him of being irresponsible and reckless.

It may have only been a second out on that ledge but within seconds of the picture being posted online, fans across the globe were talking about it.

Many berated their hero for giving them a scare.

One wrote: "That photo of @Real_Liam_Payne on that balcony really gave me a mini heart attack ... please don't do that again!"

While another tweeted: "@Real_Liam_ Payne should stop thinking he's Batman, when he's not ... Stop climbing on your balcony!"

The photo was posted by one of his friends but has since been deleted. Should Liam have known better? Should his friends? Is there ever a right answer in the fame game?

It often seems the only way stars learn, is the hard way.

Liam, centre, with his One Direction bandmates Niall, Louis, Zayn and Harry

Dangerous

Whether he likes it or not, Liam's a role model now and, sure enough – more than likely encouraged by management obsessed with preserving the 1D brand – he posted an apology, admitting it was "stupid and extremely dangerous".

That night, he was hosting three of his old friends from Wolverhampton, showing them the sights and sounds of London and clubs such as Funky Buddha – in that respect, he's still very much just a normal lad.

He just wants to hang out with his mates and girlfriend, Sophia Smith, whenever he gets a spare five minutes away from the gruelling schedule of 1D.

But, as he appears to be learning the hard way, life is now completely different for our homegrown superstar.

Our advice? Come back home to Wolvo for a while and get your feet well and truly back on the ground – not 360ft high . . .

THROUGH THE YEARS

1983...

PAUL McCartney declared he would never touch cannabis again after being fined by a court in Barbados. When he was asked if he truly meant that, he grinned and replied: "Probably not."

LEADERS of the West Midland police committee were so disgusted that they walked out of a private screening of 'video nasties'. Members of the committee had been shown clips of films at the centre of a case at Dudley Crown Court, which saw a video shop owner convicted of obscenity charges in a legal test case.

A MILKMAN charged with showing an indecent video on a football coach as it travelled along the M6 in Walsall was cleared by the town's magistrates. The man, from Manchester, had been travelling back with colleagues from Express Dairies from the previous year's Milk Cup Final between Liverpool and Manchester United.

1993...

SHOWBUSINESS stars Roy Castle, Harry Secombe and Ruth Madoc were left stunned as the curtain fell suddenly on Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre where they were performing. The 93-year-old venue shut after running up massive debts, and it emerged it had even tried to sell its seats, curtains and chandeliers in a last-ditch bid to stay afloat.

NINE hippies refused to budge from two stone cottages on the edge of a 100ft cliff on the Isle of Wight, despite police warnings that they were in severe danger after torrential rain triggered a major landslip.

BRITISH politicians were letting the side down in the style stakes, according to survey by an image consultancy. Chancellor of the Exchequer Ken Clarke was voted the scruffiest, with a suit which looked like it had been slept in was the withering verdict.

2003...

PREMIERSHIP strugglers Wolves pulled off a sensational win over champions Manchester United. Kenny Miller scored the only goal of the game at Molineux in the 67th minute, although Wolves remained second-from-bottom of the table.

NINETEEN jobs were lost as struggling record chain Our Price closed three stores in the West Midlands. The company, which had been in administration since November, closed its stores in Dudley, Wolverhampton and Walsall.

HOME Secretary David Blunkett revealed that his initial reaction to the suicide of killer GP Dr Harold Shipman was to open a bottle of bubbly. Shipman had been found hanging in his cell at Wakefield Prison.

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Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

Managing Director Brian Stanley feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done.

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Father, 52, killed himself after racist son accused

THE father of a man who posted online footage of himself dressed in a Ku Klux Klan costume killed himself after struggling to cope with work pressures and problems with his son's criminal behaviour, an inquest heard.

Christopher Clifft, aged 52, was found hanged at the family home in Wednesfield, by his wife Pauline who told the hearing he was a 'worrier' and unhappy at work after bosses cut staffing on his production line.

He had also tried to take his own life the previous day after reading press reports about their son Christopher Philips, formerly known as Darren Clifft. He was jailed recently after appearing in YouTube videos wearing the klansman outfit, and posing with a golly doll at a far-right gathering.

Medication

Giving evidence Mrs Clifft said her husband resigned from his job as packer at parts firm Johnson Controls days before his death on April 29 last year, due to health problems.

"The work scenario was getting him down. He was saying he can't cope with the pressure coming from the supervisors and that they had a target of doing 200 cushions per hour," she added.

Under cross-examination by barrister Mr Darren OKeeffe, representing Johnson Controls, she admitted that Mr Clifft was prescribed medication to aid his mental health, but only took it once because he did not like it. She told him Mr Clifft had left a note saying 'because of Johnson Controls he had taken his life'.

Mr OKeeffe said Mr Clifft was a valued employee and the company had tried to help him by arranging counselling. Bosses had no concerns about the standard of his work. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain asked Mrs Clifft: "Did he have other things on his mind?" She replied: "We had trouble with our son. He got arrested mid March."

She told the hearing in Walsall that they 'always had problems' with Philips, but were unaware of the full extent of his crimes until a Sunday newspaper reported them. Mrs Clifft said her husband tried to take his own life the same day, but she had stopped him. But she found him hanged the next morning. Coroner Mr Robin Balmain said the cause of death was suspension by a ligature and concluded that Mr Clifft had killed himself.

£60m store shapes up

The new Sainsbury's takes shape in Raglan Sheet, Wolverhampton, after the store chain won a long battle for the site

IT IS one of Wolverhampton's most eagerly anticipated developments but now people can finally see for themselves how work on a new multi-million pound supermarket for the city is taking shape.

The structure of the new £60million superstore, which is being built on Raglan Street off the Ring Road, can now be seen.

Motorists travelling through the area have also been told they may face delays as the project gathers pace.

It is hoped the new store will be at the centre of the redevelopment of the west side of the city centre. A business expert hailed the supermarket and the role it will play in the future of Wolverhampton's economy.

Impacts

Dr Mark Cook, a reader in international business at the University of Wolverhampton, said the impacts of job being created were obvious. "It's a vote of confidence in the city as all this money is being invested," Dr Cook said. "And there will be a multiplier effect from all these new extra people that will be employed.

The store has been more than a decade in the making after Sainsbury's waged a bitter war with Tesco to acquire the land to build its supermarket in Raglan Street.

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LETTERS

Multi-tasking is the way forward

IN reply to Len Hales letter 'We can all do our bit' his idea of multi-tasking as a plumber, builder or electrician and being trained in the use of firearms as an army recruit, so that we can all turn our hands to rebuilding, or take up arms in times of war is highly commendable.

However, asking highly-paid politicians to give up their second jobs on blue chip companies as silent directors, and sacrificing their lucrative expense accounts and training as a tradesmen is as likely as me winning the X Factor.

Len Hales' dream of a utopian paradise will never materialise while venal bankers, corrupt politicians and greedy industrialists continue to draw breath.

But when the dust settles, and we crawl out of the ruins of an economically and politically ruined Britain, the survivors will be the builders, engineers, shipwrights, plumbers and electricians.

The paper shufflers and Government functionaries and council jobsworths will be as useful as yesterday's papers as they have no useful talents.

T LEVY
Wednesfield

This is why the politicians have blood on hands

TELL me what these politicians have for brains. They send our armed forces to fight wars which have nothing to do with us. They are getting killed and maimed in Afghanistan by brutal terrorists, it is hell out there.

But what do these politicians do when the soldiers fight back? They sentence one of the soldiers to jail for killing the enemy. When you join the armed forces you are taught to kill, if not you will be killed yourself.

These politicians have blood on their hands and are the reason their once great country has gone to the dogs.

B MILLWARD
Bilston

Why should failing MPs get any pay increase?

MPs who caused the meltdown for taking their 1,300 eyes off the ball, should not get any pay rise at all, especially when you consider:

They know what remuneration they were signing up to when they took the position, which is only a part-time one anyway.

The sum of £65,000 is far too much money anyway, which is twice the UK average wage and each MP, all 650 of them cost the taxpayer £273,000 per annum each. Most of them have very lucrative second jobs, second homes and are in my opinion are overpaid.

Those in gainful employment are awarded no pay rise or one per cent, not the 11 per cent that MPs propose to pay themselves. Most MPs are unqualified for high office, or we would not find the country where it is today. Financially broke.

Any future pay rises should be linked to performance and so far, MPs have failed that test.

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TV's Benefits Street plays to rent-a-mob mentality

CHANNEL 4's Benefits Street programme, plays to the rent-a-mob mentality in all of us bringing stereotypical views of people.

The programme is helping the Tory government show all unemployed people as scroungers.

We have all seen in particularly the tabloids, de-humanising unemployed people, in that they loaf around all day, drinking and smoking.

This shows the unemployed as not worth considering, and that they should get nothing from the state.

This one dimensional viewpoint of the unemployed is very corrosive to the UK as a compassionate and civilised society.

The majority of the able-bodied unemployed, fully want employment that is compatible with their own financial circumstances.

Also, some of the unemployed are disabled. In the report of Tim Salter, a former sales manager that was left destitute, the DWP didn't check his mental health and that he was partially blind before cutting his benefits. Very sadly, Mr Salter took his own life as he felt so worthless. Is this the kind of society we all want to live in?

The people that say, "I pay my taxes for people to loaf about", don't understand they pay their taxes to support people that are down on their luck, and that society should give all people in our country a minimum standard of living, to ensure we live in a civilised and compassionate society.

The Tories want unemployment to be greatly stigmatised, so that people take very low paid jobs, with little or no employment rights.

I fear a Labour government wouldn't be much better, as the Labour party are the champion of the middle class since they "modernised" in the early 1990s under Tony Blair.

J EGGINTON
Ashmore Park

BRIDGE CORNER

TRUST is a main ingredient of bridge partnerships – and sometimes notable in its absence.

East opened One Heart and South overcalled One Spade. North could see that they had more than enough for game and with hearts well covered bid Three No Trumps.

There the two teams diverged. At one table South was anxious to show his two-suited hand and bid Four Clubs. North reasonably assumed he had six spades and five or six clubs and bid Four Spades.

West led the nine of diamonds. When Dummy was revealed East could see why his partner had not led his suit – he wouldn't have any – so South clearly held two hearts. East went up with the ace and returned the four of hearts which West ruffed. The low heart indicated that East had another entry in the lowest suit. A club to the ace duly followed and back went another heart for West to ruff – and the contract was one down before Declarer could get a look in.

At the other table South trusted his partner to have the hearts stopped and left the Three No Trumps in.

Whatever the lead, North could bring home the contract with two overtricks.

We should always trust partner – especially when tempted to venture above Three No Trumps. *– Bill*

North: ♠ Q6 ♥ AQ732 ♦ KQJ3 ♣ Q2

West: ♠ 9874 ♥ ----- ♦ 98762 ♣ 7643

East: ♠ 52 ♥ KJ10864 ♦ A105 ♣ A8

South: ♠ AKJ103 ♥ 95 ♦ 4 ♣ KJ1095

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Disgrace as our children pay the price

I AM writing as someone who started work at 14, at 18 did my National Service, and then retired at 65.

We are still being run by a load of politicians from all the main parties who have not got a clue. David Cameron and Nick Clegg are over the moon after finally hitting their foreign aid target by giving over £11bn to any country that wants it.

And our Labour Council is cutting to the bone funding to all our special needs, respite centres and even closing some down. It's an absolute disgrace.

All our three main political parties believe foreign aid comes top of the list thus turning their back on our vulnerable children.

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NEWS

Pervert hid camera to film women shoppers

A PERVERT rigged up a spy camera inside a shopping bag – and took pictures up the skirts of female shoppers in a store.

Unmarried John Bannister was caught in Morrisons' supermarket at Pendeford after a customer told staff he was behaving strangely, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

He was pushing a trolley round the store while carrying a black bag that was being pushed up to women shoppers, said Miss Sharonjit Bahia, prosecuting. Staff called the police who found a camcorder glued to a hole in the bag under a false base.

Bachelor Bannister, 38, who was of previous good character, confessed that he started the camera recording before entering a shop and spent up to 40 minutes filming inside the premises, the court was told. He downloaded the footage at home and admitted to doing this for up to three years.

Depression

Police later also found hundreds of pornographic pictures of girls as young as six that he had downloaded from the internet on to his home computer, revealed Miss Bahia.

Mr David Bratt, defending, said: "He had an unhealthy fascination in looking at, and taking, inappropriate images. He has since been suffering from depression and has been off work for 12 months."

Bannister from Willowdale Grange, Tettenhall, admitted outraging public decency and making almost 250 indecent images between May 2010 and November 2012.

Judge Martin Walsh told him: "Images of this sort show the abuse of real children but there is no evidence that you were forwarding them to third parties. I believe that the interest of the public would be best served with a community order conditional on you attending the sex offender programme."

The order will operate under supervision for three years. Bannister was also put on the Sex Offenders Register for five years and made the subject of a sexual offences prevention order for seven years.

Call over 'danger' chicane

Suzanne Cash and parish councillor Andy Law next to the chicane

A 'DANGEROUS' chicane must be removed from a village road before somebody is killed, a parish councillor has claimed.

Councillor Andy Law says the spot, at the junction between The Parkway and St Andrew's Road in Perton, has become a virtual racetrack.

He says motorists are ignoring rules governing right of way and speeding through to avoid waiting. He has now written to Staffordshire county councillor Keith James, who represents Perton, calling for it to be removed and replaced by speed bumps.

Councillor Law said: "There is going to be a fatality at that junction if they are not careful, if they don't make changes. It is probably the most dangerous point in the village. There are near misses there constantly."

Councillor Law oversees a community speedwatch programme to catch motorists driving too quickly through the village.

Listen

He says his team of volunteers catch around 45 drivers speeding through the chicane every time they are there for an hour, with some clocking speeds as high as 59mph in the 30mph zone.

Mother-of-three Suzanne Cash, who lives on St Andrews Road, said: "There have been quite a few near misses. Unless something is done, there is going to be an accident."

County councillor Simon Tagg said: "We always listen to local concerns, and these are taken forward by the local county councillor."

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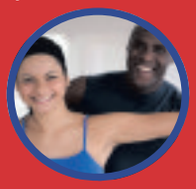

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Councillor Rita Heseltine gets to grips with the new suite, thanks to Nick Perry, Elizabeth James and Andy Pritchard

Weighting is over as new £250k fitness suite opens

FITNESS fans can shape up in style at a new £250,000 fitness suite which has opened at a leisure centre.

The ribbon has now officially been cut on the new facilities at Codsall Leisure Centre. The fitness suite has been completely remodelled as part of the refurbishment of the centre.

A dedicated spinning studio and exercise area has been created as part of the work, while new gym equipment has been added.

South Staffordshire councillors Mary Bond and Rita Heseltine performed the official opening ceremony. Councillor Bond, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "The newly-built fitness suite is a great addition to South Staffordshire Council's leisure facilities.

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"By investing now, we are ensuring the leisure centre can compete with more commercial gyms and make it sustainable for the future.

"The refurbishment will not only allow the leisure centre to extend its exercise programmes, but by expanding the gym, the refurbishment has helped to increase access for local people."

Work to build the new fitness suite started last July and included an extension to the car park.

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NEWS

Portillo journey puts spotlight on city

POLITICIAN-turned-broadcaster Michael Portillo's visit to Wolverhampton will be screened this week as part of his Great British Railway Journeys.

The former Tory MP and shadow chancellor, who once sought the party leadership, visited the city last spring to spring to film the episode. It will be showntomorrow on BBC 2.

Mr Portillo visited several locations including Bantock House Museum and the Prince Albert statue in the city centre while filming for the series of Great British Railway Journeys.

He said he enjoyed seeing the Prince Albert statue in Queen Square which has been restored by Wolverhampton City Council. His interest in Wolverhampton was sparked by Bradshaw's comment that 'all kinds of articles in iron, brass, tin-plate, Japan work' were made in the area. During his time in Wolverhampton, he visited Bantock House Museum to inspect its renowned collection of Japanware.

He also visited the old Low Level Station, which has been given a new lease of life following a multi-million pound restoration. He concluded his tour by visiting West Park where he recorded his thoughts about his week-long journey from Southampton to Wolverhampton.

Controversial housing scheme to be unveiled

IT has proved to be a controversial housing development after more than 170 historic trees had to be chopped down.

But now the scheme to build 58 homes on land off Wergs Road in Tettenhall is almost complete.

Bosses have announced the development, which will be called Woodthorne after the historic former home that once occupied the site, will be unveiled later this month.

More than 170 trees – many of them protected and more than 100 years old – made way for the scheme after it was granted planning permission, sparking angry complaints from residents.

Other problems also arose during construction. Builders at the site were caught working on Remembrance Sunday, flouting rules and waking nearby residents in the early hours. In August, residents were left without power when contractors accidentally dug up a cable.

Solar

Residents have also complained about solar panels being installed on the new homes, saying it would spoil the view.

David Wilson Homes, which is behind the development, said it had created 100 jobs and had given £750,000 to be put towards delivering affordable housing and public open space in the area.

Alastair Parsons, senior sales manager for David Wilson Homes Mercia added, "Our aim to is to enhance the local area."

Henry Hartley Fowler, the first Viscount of Wolverhampton, used to live on the site and the developer is also spending £55,000 on providing new public art which will reflect its history.

There will be 46 four and five bedroom detached houses and 12 two bedroom apartments on the site. Properties have been named after former mayors of Wolverhampton, such as Hawksford, Turner, Berrington and Bowen. And the apartment building is named Hartley House after the Viscount's middle name.

Young voices in tune

In tune – Chyna Howard, Daniel Saville and Armani Whitehouse

THOUSANDS of schoolchildren from across the West Midlands were in fine voice as they took part in the first of the annual Young Voices concerts at the LG Arena.

Led by X Factor starlet Stacey Solomon, pupils from Wolverhampton, Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Staffordshire performed as part of the one of the largest children's choirs in the world.

Songs included a pop medley featuring hits from bands such as One Direction, as well as more classical pieces such as Hallelujah and The Lord's Prayer. Many of the schools who performed had been preparing for the event since September and displayed banners to show where they were from.

Among those taking part at the venue in Birmingham were pupils from Brewood Middle School, with 26 singers from the school near Wolverhampton joining in.

The show, which was held in front of friends and family of the pupils, was the first of a 14-night tour of the UK which will see a total of 2,500 schools take part and more than 110,000 children perform in the Young Voices choir.

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The bus in service when it was running during 1952 in West Bromwich

Empty shell – the vehicle just before its restoration

Gordon Ibbotson who worked on the restoration on the bus with curator Janet Small

It was restoration or bus-t as GEA 174 gets new lease of life

IT HAS been a 20-year labour of love. But for transport enthusiasts, the efforts to restore an old double-decker bus have been worth it.

And now volunteers are ready to hop on board to showcase their work to visitors to the Black Country Living Museum in Dudley.

A £40,000 restoration project has been carried out by members of the transport group at the museum to give the bus a new lease of life.

The team will be proudly relaunching the GEA174 double-decker bus which was originally bought by West Bromwich Corporation in 1952 as part of a fleet of 20 before the local transport system was taken into private hands.

by Andrew Turton

The bus was used on the route 74 between Birmingham, West Bromwich and Dudley, but it was withdrawn in 1969.

The vehicle was then donated to Dudley Libraries and was kept stored in the former Midland Red garage in Wolverhampton.

In the museum's early years it was used to collect items – including Emile Doo's chemist from Netherton which now stands proudly on the museum's Canal Street.

Permanently

By 1980 bus GEA 174 had moved permanently to the museum but as a kit broken into parts after a series of unsuccessful restoration attempts.

Now, with funds raised by the group and particularly a bequest from Arthur Whitehouse, and a team led by Gordon Ibbotson, the bus has been restored to its glory days and is ready to take on a new generation of passengers.

There has been a full engine refurbishment, the brakes have been overhauled, side panels have been replaced along with the flooring and replacement window.

The radiator, which had several holes, has also been repaired and re-chromed and the exhaust has been replaced to get the bus back on the road again.

Janet Small, who is the curator for industry and transport at the museum, said: "Creating the moquette for the seats was a painstaking process but it was all worth it.

"It was made by Holdsworth in Meltham, Derbyshire; the same company that created the leather trimming for the seats, in the same colour used in the Triumph Stag."

Finally, the bus was brush painted and transfers made and applied in-house to give it a finished off look for visitors to enjoy.

The costs were paid for by funds raised by the group and with the support of local companies offering discounts or not charging for small fixings.

The restored bus will now be taken out to a number of shows in the future as well as being used in order to help promote the museum.

Mr Ibbotson added: "It has been a true team effort with members of the Transport Group and many others contributing at each stage of the long restoration."

The restored bus GEA 174 can be seen by visitors to the museum on Transport Group days, usually on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information about he bus and the museum then visit www.bclm.co.uk.

Gordon Ibbotson who worked on the restoration of the 1950s bus

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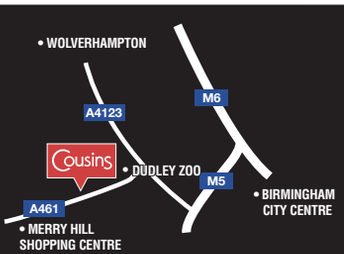

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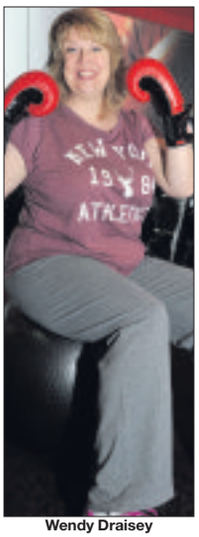
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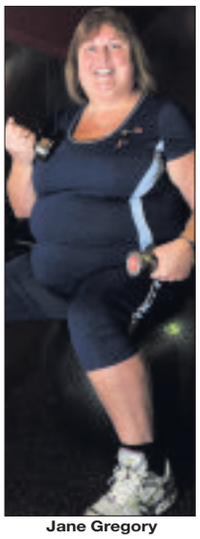
Jane Gregory

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Rob Beaumont

Weighty challenge

WHEN Rob Beaumont's weight rose to 19 stones he knew it was time for change.

The 41-year-old from Oxley in Wolverhampton, began piling on the pounds four years ago after starting his job as a sales executive.

But following the arrival of his son 10 months ago, he decided enough was enough and now he is one of four readers who have joined fitness instructor Chris Jewkes for a gruelling month-long boot camp to get in shape.

He said: "I do not want to be fat anymore. My son is growing up and I want to be able to run around after him and play with him, but I can't do that if I am this size."

Mr Beaumont will be put through his paces by Mr Jewkes, a former army physical training instructor who runs Chris Jewkes Fitness Ltd on Danescourt Road in Tettenhall. The training sessions will include boxercise, circuit training and gym time.

Desperate

Also taking part in the boot camp-style training month is 42-year-old Wendy Draisey, a teaching assistant at St Michael's CE Primary School in Lower Street, Wolverhampton.

She said: "I started to put on weight after I had my daughter 16 years ago. Ideally I would like to lose a stone-and-a-half and drop two dress sizes to a size 16. I would love to be able to fit back into my wedding dress. I got married in 1996 and I really felt good on my big day.

Carpenter Keith Williams, aged 41, from Bradley, Bilston, wants to shed up to nine stone. He said: "At my heaviest I weighed 26-and-a-half stone and I was close to having a stroke.

"I have been trying to diet and have lost three stones in doing so, but now I have hit a brick wall and I am desperate to shed the weight."

Jane Gregory, aged 50 from Perton is hoping to drop two dress sizes after she was made redundant from her office-based job. She said: "I worked in banking for 32 years but when I got made redundant and I had a six-month career break, I started to pile on the pounds. ""I try to laugh my weight off, that's how I try and cope with it but really I am not happy at all.

Last year, Mr Jewkes helped four readers lose two stone each on average.

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NEWS

Woman had £26k drugs hidden in her knickers

A WOMAN caught with £26,000 worth of cocaine in her knickers while passing through airport security has been jailed for almost three years.

Shantel Bailey, aged 33, from Dudley, was stopped by Border Force officials at Gatwick Airport following a flight from Montego Bay in Jamica.

After swab tests on her shoes tested positive for cocaine, they searched her and found a package with 250 grams of cocaine in her knickers.

The incident was on October 26 in 2011 – but she jumped bail and was arrested on October 30 last year by the National Crime Agency.

Desperate

Appearing at Croydon Crown Court Bailey, of Purlin Way, pleaded guilty to attempting to import a class A drug. She was sentenced to 32 months in prison.

Carole Upshall, Border Force south regional director, said: "This case demonstrates the desperate lengths that smugglers will resort to."

It is the latest conviction for drugs seizures at the airport. Dane Hamilton, of All Saints Road in Wolverhampton, was given a six-year jail term for drug smuggling from Jamaica.

Hamilton was caught with £160,000 of cocaine concealed inside meat patties at Birmingham Airport in 2012.

He was jailed at Birmingham Crown Court in June.

Pledge of council homes with a discount of 70pc

Legend aids challenge

Dianne Freeth mops the brow of cycling legend Hugh Porter

FUNDRAISERS got in the saddle to help a terminally-ill woman achieve her latest cycling challenge by covering the distance from Land's End to John O'Groats.

Dianne Freeth, of Coven who was told she only had six months to live last February, launched the 874-mile cycle ride to raise money for Compton Hospice.

She even appeared on live TV to get the ball rolling and cycled the first 50 miles on ITV show This Morning.

And recently an army of dedicated helpers took turns to help smash the 874-mile target – by reaching more than 1,000 miles.

Cycling legend Hugh Porter was among the almost 40-strong crowd that headed to Wolverhampton Swimming and Fitness Centre to do their bit.

Mr Porter, aged 73, said: "I was happy to be asked to be part of something like this," he said.

"I met Dianne and she is a wonderful and inspirational woman."

COUNCIL houses will be available to buy at a discount of 70 per cent this year, the Government has announced, while pledging to invest the proceeds in new properties.

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles said that a £75,000 cap on the cash value of the discount would also begin increasing in line with the CPI rate of inflation in a bid to revitalise the right to buy scheme.

Labour said the Government was failing on its promise to replace each and every home sold under right to buy and reiterated the party's pledge to build 200,000 homes if it wins power in 2015.

Mr Pickles said increasing the discount on houses from 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the full market price would drive aspiration and allow an acceleration in the rate Government delivers new affordable homes.

Matches

The discount now matches that available on flats. He said: "For years the Right to Buy was slowly strangled, with a miserly cap on discounts killing the prospect of home ownership for most social tenants.

"We don't think governments should be in the business of vetoing aspiration."

A department spokesman said legislative changes were needed to bring in the increased discount before May.

Shadow housing minister and Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds said: "The Tory-led Government has failed to build the homes our country needs. Housebuilding is at its lowest peacetime level since the 1920s, contributing to the cost-of-living crisis families face."

Work began at the end of last new on the building of the first new council homes to be built in Wolverhampton for more than 30 years. Forty properties are being built in Thompson Avenue near Phoenix Park as part of a 120-home development.

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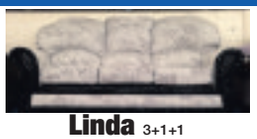

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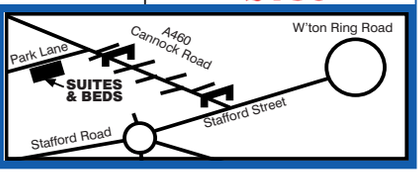

NEWS

The Wobaston Road site which is set to be closed

Jobs to go as historic firm moves yards away

AN historic engineering firm will close its factory and move to a new site, with the loss of 60 jobs, it has been announced.

Marston Aerospace will move 260 of its 320 staff from Wobaston Road, Wolverhampton, onto a site just hundreds of yards away.

It will share the site in Stafford Road – the former Goodrich factory – with sister company UTAS Actuation Systems. But 60 jobs will go in a decision to shift production of heat exchangers for civilian aircraft to another UTAS factory, in Mexicali, on the Mexican/US border near San Diego.

All the companies are part of the Aerospace Systems division of American-owned United Technology, one of the world's biggest engineering companies.

The move to the Stafford Road site will see fresh investment in the Marston business, including the conversion of the old Goodrich sports and social club into a new testing facility as part of creating a 'centre of excellence'.

Marston will leave its 200,000 sq ft factory and move into around 95,000 sq ft of the Stafford Road site.

The move will be in 2015. Marston bosses are hoping the job losses will be soaked up by voluntary redundancy and transfers to other jobs within the company.

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Tuning into panto

Joe Pasquale, who met children with learning difficulties at the Grand Theatre, has a go on the trumpet

PANTO star Joe Pasquale helped youngsters with hearing difficulties get up close to some of the instruments used in Sleeping Beauty. The comic was on hand as children learned to interpret musical styles through the power of touch, feel and vibration.

It is the third year Wolverhampton Grand Theatre has staged the Sounds of the Panto event.

Performance

Children with hearing impairments from Bentley West Primary School in Walsall and East Park Primary School in Wolverhampton attended.

They spent the morning with some of the panto stars as well as pantomime musical director Gary Hind before enjoying a special performance of the show, complete with British Sign Language interpreters.

Pasquale starred as the loveable Muddles in this year's pantomime, which has just finished its run.

Thousands of people watched the show, which saw him hang from the stage curtain and 'fly' on a motorbike. The former I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here winner has been a hit with the masses dangling 15ft in the air and leading his classic sing-a-long of I Know A Song That Will Get On Your Nerves.

£30m bill for hospitals in compensation

ALMOST £30 million in compensation was paid out by hospitals in the Black Country and Staffordshire last year, figures have revealed.

Out of that figure, more than £8.5m came from the trust that runs Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital – the highest in the West Midlands over the last financial year.

Big payouts also came from Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which forked out nearly £6.6m, while Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust paid almost £6.4m. The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust handed out £8,510,851 in 2012/13 – of which £8,181,907 was for negligence claims. The remainder was spent on non-clinical claims.

The total figure was up by 22 per cent from £6,967,223 the previous year.

Payouts

Troubled Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust paid the lowest amount in compensation during the year to April 2013.

The trust, which runs Stafford Hospital, paid £3,540,347 in 2012/13, of which £3,407,540 was for negligence claims. The second-lowest spend was at The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, which runs New Cross Hospital. It spent £4,879,232 in 2012/13 – up from £4,348,390 in 2011/12 – and £4,308,480 was for negligence claims.

Bosses said the rise was because more historic cases had been settled, coupled with a consistent trend across the UK.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, which runs Manor Hospital, paid out £6,569,889, £6,489,946 for negligence claims. The total figure was down significantly on 2011/12 levels, when payouts topped £13m.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell General Hospital and City Hospital, paid £6,357,842 during the 12 months to April 2013, £5,813,819 of which was for negligence claims.

NEWS

MP's call for urgent action over Bratch

URGENT action is needed to save an historic Victorian pumping station in Wombourne, an MP has said.

Bratch Pumping Station, which is Grade II listed, has fallen into a state of disrepair.

An annual summer show at the Wombourne site was cancelled three years ago due to safety fears, and MP Gavin Williamson is now calling on English Heritage and Severn Trent to secure the site's future.

Shameful

The Conservative MP met with community group Friends of the Bratch to discuss the issue. Members told him they were considering disbanding due to lack of access. The landmark station, in Bratch Lane, is owned by Severn Trent. But it has remained redundant despite calls for action.

Mr Williamson said: "The Bratch Pumping Station is a major landmark and part of our industrial heritage.

"It is shameful it has been allowed to fall into this sad state of disrepair."

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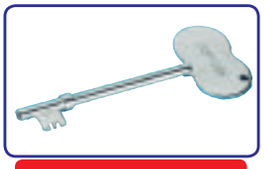

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NEWS

Factory workers at Purbright Castings where the castings for the sculptures in Wednesfield are being made

Sculptures shape the way

WORK is under way to produce a series of sculptures that will become a feature of a leisure complex in Wolverhampton.

Five artworks are planned for locations between Bentley Bridge and Wednesfield High Street which will be installed this summer.

The sculptures, which are funded by the owners of Bentley Bridge, will consist of four cast iron creations that are to be a 'celebration' of the people of Wednesfield.

The fifth creation is set to be a much larger 'Wayfinder' or signpost-like structure on the Wednesfield side of the Bentley Bridge complex that directs people to key locations in the town centre. It will be made of stainless steel.

Local artists Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson are behind the creations and have already had their work attached to the side of the recent extension at Sainsbury's.

Julie said: "This has been a wonderful project. The community groups at Wednesfield have been a pleasure to work with and the support from local groups such as WV11 and the community support workers have really made this project."

Inspired

The castings are being made at Purbright Castings in Chapel Green, Willenhall, with the use of metal, stone and granite plinths.

Wolverhampton City Council says the designs have been directly inspired by the knowledge and ideas of local people. The artists also consulted local schoolchildren for the project.

Artist Julie Edwards with the original plaster figure and the resulting cast

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NEWS

Gearing up for Porsche

WORK on a new base for a luxury car firm in Wolverhampton will begin in the spring after planning permission for the development was secured.

Porsche will move onto land on the A449 Stafford Road in Fordhouses after its application was given the go-ahead by Wolverhampton City Council.

The site, which will be known as The Gateway, will be built on vacant land close to junction 2 of the M54.

City council leaders have hailed the move as another boost for Wolverhampton's economy, as it comes as work on a new multi-million pound engine plant for Jaguar at the nearby i54 business park nears completion.

£300m plus 'has already been spent on HS2 plan'

MORE than £300 million has already been spent on the controversial HS2 rail link in less than three years, new figures have revealed.

Expenditure has ranged from staff wages and public relations to a promotional video and iPad covers for staff.

The spending was revealed by the TaxPayers' Alliance, which analysed the accounts of HS2 Limited, the taxpayer-funded company set up to develop the line. If MPs back the project, work could start in 2017 with the line between London and Lichfield being completed by 2026. The scheme will cut a swathe through Staffordshire.

Branding

Staffordshire County Council, Stafford Borough Council and Lichfield District Council are opposing the £50 billion project while Wolverhampton and Birmingham city councils are backing the high speed line.

In total, HS2 Ltd paid £302 m to outside businesses and other organisations between January 2011 and October 2013. While £1.2m was spent on outside public relations and parliamentary lobbying companies, £1.4m was paid to a branding company and £128,000 spent on a promotional video.

According to the figures, five companies have been paid £192m between them by HS2 Ltd, including £68.6m to Arup, the engineering and design firm, and £30.8m to Atkins, another consultancy. KPMG, the consultancy, which produced a report predicting HS2 will benefit the British economy by £15 billion a year, has been paid £2.3m.

30 teachers are accused over affairs with pupils

THIRTY West Midlands teachers have been accused of having a relationship with a pupil in the last five years.

They are among nearly 1,000 nationwide. Of these just over one in four faced police charges.

The figures, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, show that between 2008 and 2013, at least 959 teachers or school staff were accused of having an inappropriate relationship with a pupil.

Charge

At least 254 of these cases led to a police charge, the findings show, although it was not clear from the responses how many of these cases led to a prosecution, conviction, or were dismissed.

The data is based on responses from 137 councils who were asked how many school staff were suspended, dismissed or faced disciplinary action after being accused of some form of sexual relationship with a pupil.

Nursery jobs boost is as easy as ABC with new £2m base

A CHILDREN'S day nursery has been able to open at a second site and will take on 30 new staff this year.

ABC Early Learning and Childcare Centre UK has opened the new purpose-built nursery on Bilbrook Road in Codsall. The company already has a base in Wolverhampton and the new £2 million nursery will cater for up to 120 children. The overall business has created 40 new jobs over the last 18 months.

As well as classrooms and play areas, the new centre has as an outdoor classroom and a cinema.

Rating

Emma Catton, director of ABC Childcare said: "We have strong family values and we believe that this ethos has been behind the success of our business. The site enables us to offer an extended first-class childcare facility for our children."

Family-run business ABC, which was started in 2004, opened its centre at the business park in March 2012. It caters for 122 youngsters and it was given an outstanding rating following its last Ofsted inspection in September.

The Codsall nursery, which opened its doors in December, also serves Perton, Pendeford, Brewood, Coven and Tettenhall.

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NEWS

New building final phase of Carvers £4m rebuild

A NEW building will open at Carvers in Wolverhampton in August to complete the re-development of the fire-ravaged site.

A temporary showroom and 3,000 sq ft drive-through warehouse are in operation at the Little's Lane site in the city centre which went up in flames on February 29, 2012.

The final phase of the £4 million rebuild, is now under way. The new building will house the main Carver showroom, trade counters, offices and warehouse.

It will also feature a new concept builders' village housing specialists from window, roofing, electrical, tiling and decorating companies

The 80 metres by 50 metres new building will also help to lower Carvers' carbon footprint with plans for LED lighting, eco cooling and solar energy.

Work on the Carvers site

Rare bird is spotted for first time since 1929

SIGHTINGS of a species rarely seen in the UK has ruffled the feathers of birdwatchers in the West Midlands.

A glossy ibis, which is a dark-coloured wading bird with a distinctive long down-curved bill, is not usually seen in Britain and was last sighted in the region in Wolverhampton in 1929.

But the bird was more recently spotted near Engine Lane, Brownhills, last week.

The bird, which breeds in the warm regions of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, and the Atlantic and Caribbean, was also spotted in Goscote Valley in December.

Rare spotting of ibis

Breeding

Kevin Clements, Walsall Council's countryside services manager, said the bird was first spotted in the area just before Christmas.

He added: "It was found in Goscote Valley on December 17 and was seen daily until December 22, and was reported as being seen in that area again on December 26."

He said it reappeared in Brownhills more recently adding: "Glossy ibis is the most widespread ibis species, breeding in warm regions of many parts of the world.

"It doesn't breed in Britain, but apparently some birds from Spain winter here. They feed in shallow water and wet grassland, mostly eating invertebrates.

"It is extremely rare to find a bird of this type in Britain and this is only the second recorded spotting in the West Midlands, the first being in Wolverhampton in 1929."

George Makin, who has been bird-watching as a hobby for the past seven years, found out about the recent sightings on Twitter.

Mr Makin, from The Butts in Walsall, said: "This bird is about 4,000 miles off-course. It's suppose to be somewhere in the Middle East right now."

NEWS

Spotlight on home for TV presenter

New Blue Peter presenter Radzi Chinyanganya took viewers behind the scenes back home

HE has competed in skeleton bobsleigh, been a semi-finalist on Gladiators and is now living his dream as a television presenter.

And Blue Peter's newest star Radzi Chinyanganya has given viewers an insight into his childhood.

The episode of the long-running BBC children's show focused entirely on 26-year-old Radzi, who hails from Claregate in Wolverhampton.

Viewers got a look into Radzi's past with his Scottish mother and Zimbabwean father. And the cameras were also given access to Adams' Grammar School in Newport as Radzi returned to meet current pupils.

The enthusiastic presenter was shown reuniting with design and technology teacher Andy Jones, who led Radzi and his team when they won the Astrazeneca Young Designers Award in 2005. Radzi joked that classmates didn't want his autograph when he was in school – but there were plenty of Adams' pupils asking for it now. Radzi said: "I wanted to be a Blue Peter presenter since I was 10. I used to ask people whether they wanted me to sign their homework diaries so that they could sell it when I became a famous presenter, but not many of them took me up on the offer.

Radzi, who became Blue Peter's 37th presenter, with his mother Barbara

"Now I am a Blue Peter presenter, people sometimes want it."

Radzi became Blue Peter's 37th presenter in October.

Previously he has worked as a presenter on Wild on CBBC and was also the official weightlifting presenter at the 2012 Olympics, introducing competitors and entertaining the crowds.

In 2008 Radzi starred on Sky One's Gladiators, reaching the semi-finals. Radzi competed at national level in karate and trained with the GB Skeleton Bobsleigh team.

Good deal for charity

Manager Ryan Frost hosts the first of weekly poker sessions in aid of Compton Hospice, with event organiser Rich Cornick, James Ian Botham Thomas and David Timms at The Old Stags Head

PUBGOERS are being encouraged to put on their best poker faces for the next couple of weeks – all in the name of charity.

The Old Stags Head in Penn, Wolverhampton, is staging weekly poker sessions. A donation from the games will go to Compton Hospice.

The first session attracted around 20 people, said pub manager Ryan Frost.

"We wanted to do something a bit different for the start of January and thought we'd give this a go," said the 32-year-old.

Successful

"It's £5 for a buy-in and at the end of the night the winner will go home happy – and we will also make a donation to Compton Hospice, which is the pub's charity of choice and a very worthwhile cause," he said.

"Our first session was successful with a good turnout and we hope more people will join in over the next few weeks."

Mr Frost added: "Nuts Poker League are helping us run the games, which are open to both beginners and those who have experience of poker."

The sessions at the pub in Church Hill, start at 8pm.

Former pupils take pictures as Towers fall

The former Wards Bridge High School – most recently The Jennie Lee Centre – is knocked down

'OUT of darkness cometh light' was the message from a group of former pupils as they witnessed the demolition of the old school buildings they knew as 'The Towers'.

Around two dozen people – including 16 ex-pupils – gathered outside the former Wards Bridge High School on Lichfield Road in Wednesfield as a giant excavator began pulling down the building in preparation for the construction of more than 200 homes on the site.

Ex pupils capture the moment

Apartments

The school, which closed its doors in 1989, was used as the Jennie Lee Centre until last year, a hub for community groups offering a variety of classes including keep-fit, martial arts and dance.

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DID YOU KNOW? Wolverhampton was originally Heanton, meaning 'high town'. It became known as Wulfruna Heanton, eventually Wolverhampton, after Lady Wulfruna was granted a charter for the town in 985.

Shopping in The Central Arcade – now replaced by the Mander Centre

DID YOU KNOW? The first footballer to win 100 caps for his country was the Wolves captain Billy Wright

Back in the 60s, Wolverhampton centre with a double decker bus, the Midland Bank and the Queens Ballroom and Restaurant

DID YOU KNOW? The first automated traffic lights in the UK were installed at Princes Square, Wolverhampton in 1927

This appears to show Wolverhampton centre dressed with flags for the Coronation of the Queen in 1953. The location is the top of Darlington Street and the building under the dome is Wolverhampton Hippodrome

DID YOU KNOW? At nearby Halfpenny Green airfield the world airship speed record was set by Jim Dexter and Mike Kenrick in 2000

DID YOU KNOW? The Sunbeam 1000 HP Mystery, known as The Slug, became the first car to reach 200mph when it broke the land speed record in 1927. It was built in Wolverhampton

Picture taken in December, 1959, with the caption: Thousands pass, few notice the building (right) that is a place of worship among the factories and warehouses of Fryer Street, Wolverhampton – the Jewish Synagogue

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DID YOU KNOW? One of Wolverhampton's unlucky residents was MP William Huskisson, who became the world's first casualty of a railway crash in 1830

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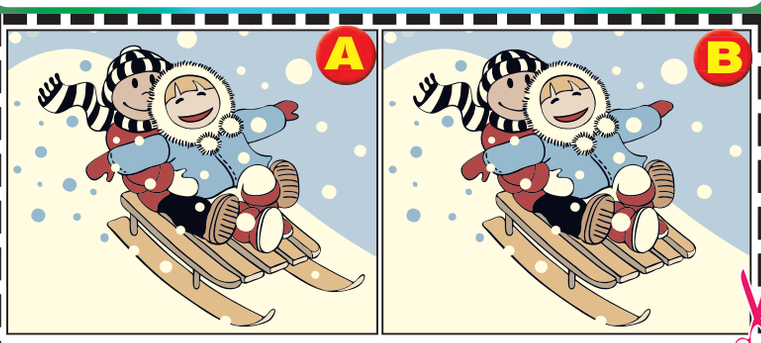

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Day 2: Enjoy breakfast then we go to Holyhead Ferry terminal and board the Ferry to Dublin. From here we head south to Tralee arriving at our hotel this evening. A hot meal is served soon after arrival.
Day 3: This morning we visit the wonderful Dingle Peninsula.
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Look What's Included...

Day 1: We head to Heysham on the Lancashire coast and take the afternoon ferry to Douglas, Isle of Man to our hotel.
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Cash bonus for school as pupil, 7, is spot on

A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD boy has netted £250 worth of sports equipment for his school by winning a spot the ball competition.

Harley Corns bagged the money for his school, Wilkinson Primary in Bilston. He took part in a 'spot the cricket ball' competition being run by Scrivens Opticians, which sponsors Warwickshire County Cricket Club.

Skills

The competition was run in 23 Scrivens branches across the West Midlands as part of a campaign to raise awareness of eye checks for children.

Headteacher of Wilkinson Primary Tina Gibbon said: "It was a lovely surprise when Harley told us of his achievement.

"As a school we see sport as central to our pupils' physical and mental wellbeing."

Having a say on libraries

LIBRARY users have been asked for their say about proposed new opening times for their local branch.

Wolverhampton City Council has been consulting on plans to cut opening hours at the city's district libraries as it seeks to save £123m over the next five years.

Under the plans Bilston library would be among those to be staffed for 39 hours per week – the highest number of hours any of the city's libraries other than the main Central Library.

New store opens on site of former pub

Store manager Chris Gleiwitz, Pat McFadden MP and Claudett Mitchell, founder of the Sickle Cell Care Centre, with members of staff from the Hindu Association of Bilston

A SUPERMARKET has opened at the site of a former 'eyesore' pub, creating 11 jobs. The Tesco Express store has opened in Willenhall Road in Bilston, where the Hustler pub once stood.

The ribbon was cut by Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden, who said: "I am pleased to see investment in this site after the Hustler pub stood derelict for years.

Support

"It was a complete eyesore before, but now it is an asset for the area which will provide a convenient place to shop and create 11 much-needed new jobs."

To celebrate the launch, the supermarket donated £500 to the Sickle Cell Care Centre in Chancel Court, Wellington Road, Bilston.

Store manager Chris Gleiwitz presented a cheque at the opening to centre founder Claudette Mitchell and therapists Sabrina Chana and Gwen Coates. Mrs Mitchell said: "Tesco's support is very much appreciated by our board, service users and staff as it will help to provide basic necessities and healthy food for families, particularly those with young children suffering with the Sickle Cell Disease.

"As more families continue to battle with the effects of the economy, cuts in benefits and jobs, a number of our service users from the local community already living in poverty are unable to afford basic healthy food they need as part of their holistic care to reduce frequency of illness and to help prevent them going into crisis."

Representatives from the Hindu Association of Bilston also attended the opening and provided a buffet for customers.

The founder of the association was Mr Balvant.U Patel MBE he attended with other members of the association

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DID YOU KNOW? There was a glass factory in Bilston until 1790

DID YOU KNOW? There were a set of stocks in what we now know as Bilston town centre - if you were put in there for committing an offence locals would throw rotten food at you!

DID YOU KNOW? The Ivy House is one of the last surviving Georgian townhouses in Bilston

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Plenty to laugh about as top comedians lift winter blues

COMEDY stars are coming to the Black Country and Birmingham this winter and spring.

Jack Whitehall has a warm up gig for his arena tour at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 12. He will be back in the West Midlands at Birmingham NIA on March 14.

Warm-up – Jack Whitehall

The Black Country's Frank Skinner is returning to his stand-up roots with his Man In A Suit tour at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on April 16 and 17, then Birmingham Symphony Hall from April 22 to 24. Mancunian Jason Manford is at the Civic Hall tomorrow night with Ed Byrne tackling his midlife crisis on February 22.

The Slade Rooms host Gary Delaney (Feb 20), Richard Herring (Feb 28), sulky Liam Williams (Mar 4), Paul Sinha from The Chase (Mar 6), MTV's Joel Dommett (Mar 7), the WitTank gang (Mar 9), Tough Luvvie Hal Cruttenden (Mar 10) and Simon Evans (Apr 17). The Wulfrun has Festival of the Spoken Nerd (Jan 31), Jimoein (Feb 11) and Miles Kane (Mar 14).

Playing a smaller venue than usual is the hyperactive Lee Evans, who has sold out all his dates in February and March at Birmingham Glee Club. The Arcadian Centre venue also hosts The Real McCoy crew on February 2, Paul Chowdhry has added a date on February 25 (also at the Wulfrun on May 1), Richard Herring is Gleebound March 9 and grumpy American Rich Hall on March 12.

Other Brummie highlights include: activist Mark Thomas at the MAC, Edgbaston, on January 31 and February 1; Miles Jupp, MAC (Feb 19); Punt and Dennis, Birmingham Town Hall (Feb 26); International Women's Day with Bridget Christie, Lucy Porter, Shazia Mirza, Grace Petrie and Fred McAulay, Town Hall (Mar 8), Sarah Millican, Symphony Hall (Mar 21-23).

Brides found for brothers in yee-haw show

A RIP-ROARING musical set on America's frontier has been revived in a spectacular new production of Seven Brides For Seven Brothers,which is being staged at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from February 3 to 8.

It may not be the most promising subject for a musical, seven backwoods brothers who are inspired by the ancient Romans' seizure of the Sabine women to kidnap their own brides, but it has produced several toe-tapping tunes including Bless Your Beautiful Hide.

Choreographer

And the lovelorn beefcakes find their potential wives are more than a match for them, teaching them manners and how to dance.

Award-winning American choreographer and director Patti Colombo has assembled a cast including former EastEnder and Dancing On Ice star Sam Attwater as the elder Pontipee brother and Helena Blackman as his intended Milly. Miss Blackman was the runner-up in Andrew Lloyd-Webber's TV search for The Sound Of Music revival star in How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?

Sam Attwater as Adam Pontipee with Helena Blackman as Milly

New season off to a flying start

Singers Night, Newhampton Folk Club, Wolverhampton

THE new season of the Newhampton Folk club got off to a belting start with a fantastic and diverse night of traditional acts from the Midlands and the North.

It kicked off with Graeme Kent who pulled the packed audience in straight away with the irreverent Don't Jump Off the Roof Dad. He was followed by a Newhampton favourite Mitch Reynolds who opened with a sea shanty which she sang a capella and her smoky tones added an extra dimension to the song.

She gave over the stage to Billy Spake Mon. His first song Strong Onds, Warm 'Art was a tribute to the people of the Black Country and his two part eulogy to his dad with the poem, One Step From the Line, had the audience enraptured.

The next act was a real nugget with lute player Ian Pittaway who specialises in renaissance pieces. The sound was so evocative of the medieval era. Singer Chris Stewart decided to go unplugged which turned out to be a mistake because her voice wasn't strong enough to carry.

Duo Gren Bartley and Julia Disney came out with blues and torch songs. Duo Elmore Row, who are Kris Collins and Nicola Morris, had the final spot and Morris showed how soulful her voice can be with Hit the Road Jack.

DANNY FARRAGHER

Strictly fabulous victory for Natalie

Strictly Come Dancing Live Tour, NIA

REIGNING Strictly Come Dancing champion Abbey Clancy may have scored top marks with the judges but it was Natalie Gumede who waltzed away with the glitter ball on the first night of the tour at Birmingham's NIA.

The judges put Abbey in what seemed like an unbeatable position with a perfect 60 out of 60 but Natalie, one point behind, obviously impressed the voting audience with her fine footwork, either that or it was the chest of her partner Artem.

Hosted by former contestant Lisa Riley, the show was sheer entertainment with the professional dancers' impressive displays and, of course, the banter with the three judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli and the critical Craig Revel Horwood, who did let his face crack once – purely a mistake darling! It was all a bit pantoish but went down well with the audience.

Susanna Reid proved popular and the lovely Mark Benton thrilled everyone but the judges and ended up bottom of the leaderboard, above the very enthusiastic dragon Deborah Meaden. Rugby hunk, Ben Cohen, impressed with his muscles as much as his dancing and making a popular comeback was Nicky Byrne, the 2012 contestant was not rusty with his excellent Charleston.

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Emma Willis

The Voice UK
BBC1, 7pm

There was a danger The Voice was growing stale as Will.i.am and Tom Jones dropped more names than a Brit awards announcer. Thankfully a necessary shot in the arm came in the form of pop princess Kylie Minogue, while Kaiser Chief Ricky Wilson has proved a welcome addition too. It didn't hurt that Emma Willis and Marvin Humes joined as hosts either. Each judge selected at least one singer from episode one, but a couple of questions dominate this show: who will leave Kylie and her fellow judges spinning around this week, and who will get the cold shoulder?

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** The Good Cook. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. A Winter Olympics special. **1.45** Live Athletics: UK Indoor Match. **4.30** Final Score. **5.20** Dynamo: Magician Impossible.

6.00 Reflex. Families from Eastbourne and Yorkshire battle each other in a series of physical and mental challenges. Hosted by Shane Richie.

6.45 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 The Voice UK. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes host the third round of blind auditions, with coaches Kylie Minogue, Tom Jones, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson aiming to bolster their teams further.

8.15 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers compete by listing as much as they know about given subjects. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

9.10 Casualty. Dixie confronts a suspected rapist during a night out – only to be accused of assault herself when he falls and hits his head. Ethan and Cal help a little boy gets his voice back.

10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys. (R)

10.30 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.50 Film: Air Force One. (1997) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.45 Film: The Two Mr Kissels. (2008) **2.10** Weatherview. **2.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.45 Film:** The Spanish Main. (1945) **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open Women's Final. **11.30** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** The Big Bread Experiment. (R) **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Live International Bowls. **4.30** Coast. (R) **5.00** Wild Arabia. (R)

6.00 Wild Arabia. Exploring the mountains of Dhofar in Oman, where the annual Indian Ocean monsoon has helped create a lost world of waterfalls and cloud forests filled with fascinating wildlife. (R)

7.00 Flog It! Experts Philip Serrell and Charlie Ross examine heirlooms in Tavistock, Devon, while presenter Paul Martin has a look around Endsleigh Gardens. (R)

8.00 Dad's Army. Frazer is asked to look after the platoon's Lewis gun, but finds himself in hot water when he misplaces the spring – and fears it is has been left inside a coffin. (R)

8.30 Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: At Home. Penelope Keith presents a look through the archives at the parts of the comedy duo's shows in which they appeared in sketches set in domestic situations.

9.30 QI XL. An extended edition of the quiz, as Stephen Fry asks Victoria Coren Mitchell, Bill Bailey, Jimmy Carr and Alan Davies questions on the topic of jargon.

10.15 Film: West Is West. (2010) Comedy sequel, starring Om Puri.

11.55 International Bowls.

12.55 This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Dinner Date. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** Catchphrase. (R) **12.15** Live FA Cup Football. **3.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **3.40** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.10 Film:** Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang. (2010)

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.30 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Splash! Jenny Eclair, Austin Healey, Pollyanna Woodward, Una Foden and Richard Whitehead compete for two places in next week's semi-final with help from coach Tom Daley.

8.15 Take Me Out. A Cornwall surfer, a festival lover from Watford, a Bedford carpenter and a Take That tribute star from Manchester try to impress a panel of women. Paddy McGuinness presents.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host subjects another batch of celebrity guests to no-holds-barred questioning. Plus, musical performances by A-list bands and solo artists.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from the completed fourth-round matches, including Southend United v Hull City, Bolton Wanderers v Cardiff City and Sunderland v Kidderminster Harriers.

12.00 The Cube. (R) **12.50** Jackpot247. **3.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The American Football Show: The Road to the Super Bowl. (R) **7.05** Trans World Sport. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** How I Met Your Mother. **11.30** How I Met Your Mother. **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** The Taste. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. Chintu Gademsetty hosts the final dinner party in east London. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Speed with Guy Martin. The racing fan embarks on a mission to fly using muscle power alone, teaming up with engineers from Southampton University to build the fastest man-powered aircraft in the world. (R)

8.00 Bigfoot Files. Geneticist Bryan Sykes and presenter Mark Evans embark on a global quest to solve the riddle of mysterious creatures such as the sasquatch. (R)

9.00 Hostages. President Kincaid decides to switch doctors.

10.00 Film: Underworld: Rise of the Lycans. (2009) Premiere. Fantasy horror prequel, starring Michael Sheen.

11.45 Film: 30 Days of Night. (2007) Horror, starring Josh Hartnett.

1.50 Southland. (R) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Megaforce. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.50** World's Worst Holiday Horrors. (R) **11.50** Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. (R) **1.15 Film:** Legally Blonde. (2001) **3.00** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **4.00 Film:** Columbo: A Deadly State of Mind. (1975) **5.35 Film:** Columbo: A Matter of Honour. (1976)

6.50 NCIS. Tony tries to piece together the chain of events that led to him being shot. (R)

7.40 NCIS. The team joins forces with military investigators to ascertain whether terrorists were responsible for an explosion at a golf course in which a marine colonel was killed. (R)

8.30 NCIS. A former marine falls to his death from a hotel balcony, and investigations lead the team to the discovery of another body – along with a vice ring trafficking young girls. (R)

9.20 5 News Weekend.

9.30 Celebrity Big Brother. With the reality series extended for an extra five days, further highlights of yesterday's goings-on, including reaction to another eviction ahead of Wednesday's final.

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Psychological analysis of the housemates' behaviour.

11.45 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** Road Terror: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

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BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes: Revenge of the Fifth **7.15** Top Gear **8.15 Film:** The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy

BBC Four

7.00 Wild China **8.00** Pain, Pus & Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines **9.00** The Bridge **11.00** Forever Young – How Rock 'n' Roll Grew Up

ITV2

2.30 Film: Honey (2003) **4.25** You've Been Framed! **5.25** You've Been Framed and Famous! **6.30 Film:** The Perfect Storm (2000) **9.00 Film:** Die Another Day (2002) **11.45** The Magaluf Weekender

ITV3

3.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **4.55** Inspector Morse **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4

3.20 Film: Lonely Are the Brave (1962) **5.35 Film:** Rooster Cogburn (1975) **7.50** Hornblower. First episode of the seafaring drama. Ioan Gruffudd stars. **10.00 Film:** Collateral Damage (2002)

E4

4.00 How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** The Tomorrow People **9.00 Film:** Terminator Salvation (2009) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** Rude Tube 2012

Film4

3.10 I Wanna Hold Your Hand (1978) **5.05** Flash Gordon (1980) **7.15** John Tucker Must Die (2006) **9.00** Braveheart (1995) Oscar-winning historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

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Evan Davis

Dragons' Den
BBC2, 9pm
Savvy businessmen and women have managed to get their products out to the masses regardless of the entrepreneurs' interest. Hungry House, a takeaway website, has done rather well. But who out of this week's wannabe tycoons will manage to secure funds? Among those pitching are graduates from Manchester offering a stake in their youth-orientated package holiday business; the Bulgarian inventor of a self-filling bath, and a 20-year-old from Essex hoping to impress the Dragons with a cure for water-damaged mobile phones.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** Wanted Down Under. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Moving On. (R) **2.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.45** Helicopter Heroes. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Songs of Praise. **4.35** Hidden Kingdoms. (R) **5.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the authenticity of two paintings – one in London, one from Detroit – that might be by one of Britain's best-loved artists, John Constable.

7.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison and John Craven visit the Gwaun Valley and Preseli Hills in north Pembrokeshire, uncovering Iron Age treasures and giving an ancient forest a new lease of life. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny helps a mum-to-be whose baby was not fathered by her husband – and to complicate matters, the real father is black. Cynthia is inspired by a lecture on natural childbirth.

9.00 The Musketeers. D'Artagnan tries to prove he is worthy of joining the Musketeers, while they try to outwit a criminal who is threatening the king from his prison cell. Jason Flemyng guest stars.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Film: Meet the Fockers. (2004) Comedy sequel, with Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro.

12.15 Weatherview. **12.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Hue and Cry. (1947) **7.20** Countryfile Winter Special. (R) **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open Men's Final. Sue Barker presents coverage of the men's singles final at Melbourne Park. **12.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. (R) **1.30** The Big Bread Experiment. (R) **2.30** Live International Bowls. The World Indoor Championships. **5.15** Ski Sunday.

6.00 Wild Arabia. The changes that have swept across the Arabian peninsula since the discovery of oil, and how technology is being used to protect nature in a modern society. Last in the series. (R)

7.00 Flog It! Charlie Ross and Philip Serrell help contestants sell antiques at auction in Tenby, Pembrokeshire. Paul Martin presents. (R)

8.00 The Coffee Trail with Simon Reeve. The adventurer examines the coffee industry in Vietnam, meeting some of the millions of people involved in picking, packing and transporting it to the UK.

9.00 Dragons' Den. The business ideas contest returns after a mid-series break. A 20-year-old entrepreneur from Essex pitches an ingenious cure for water-damaged mobile phones.

10.00 Film: Blood Diamond. (2006) A smuggler helps a fisherman find his missing son in war-torn Sierra Leone, in return for a rare pink diamond. Action thriller, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Djimon Hounsou.

12.10 Sign Zone: Countryfile Winter Special. (R) **1.10** Holby City. (R) **2.10** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.15** Sooty. (R) **7.30** Scrambled! **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Crocodile Hunter Diaries. (R) **10.00** Inside the National Trust. **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.15** Splash! (R) **12.45 Film:** From Russia with Love. (1963) **3.00** Live FA Cup Football. **5.50** Regional Programme ; Weather.

6.00 ITV News; Weather.

6.15 Dancing on Ice. The nine remaining celebrities continue their quest to be named the ultimate Dancing on Ice champion, and Torvill and Dean perform a routine in collaboration with Rebecca Ferguson. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes. Brian McFadden and Diane Parish take part.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. Another star skater is eliminated.

9.00 Mr Selfridge. A protest stirs up emotions among the staff, with some asking whether Harry will leave if war breaks out, while Lord Loxley thwarts Lady Mae's plans to escape to the country.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 Birds of a Feather. The girls become involved with three very different men. (R)

10.45 FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round matches.

11.45 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.

12.45 The Store. **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Snowdonia Marathon. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** How I Met Your Mother. **1.55** How I Met Your Mother. **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Deal or No Deal. **4.25** Channel 4 News. **4.55** Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R)

6.00 Film: Mirror Mirror. (2012) Premiere. An exiled princess joins forces with a band of dwarfs to wrest back her father's kingdom from her stepmother. Fantasy, with Julia Roberts.

8.00 The Jump. New series. Celebrities battle it out in a series of challenging winter sport disciplines and two of them face a live ski jump each night to keep their place in the competition. Continues tomorrow.

9.00 Film: Unstoppable. (2010) Two train operators must stop a runaway locomotive carrying toxic chemicals before it causes a major disaster. Action thriller, with Denzel Washington.

10.50 Film: GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra. (2009) Two soldiers join a top-secret military strike force to battle terrorists who have stolen a deadly experimental weapon. Action adventure, with Channing Tatum.

1.05 Mesh: Tourist Trap. (R) **1.10** Night Walking. (R) **1.15 Film:** Day Watch. (2006) **3.25** Southland. (R) **4.10** Enough. (R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R) **5.10** Kirstie's Vintage Gems. (R) **5.30** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.40** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Show Songs. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. (R) **10.35** Access. **10.45** The Town the Travellers Took Over. (R) **11.40** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.40** Terror in the Skies: Scariest Flights. (R) **1.40** Road Terror: Caught on Camera. (R) **2.40 Film:** Bewitched. (2005) **4.40 Film:** Fairytale: A True Story. (1997)

6.35 Film: Outbreak. (1995) An expert in infectious diseases searches for the cure for a lethal airborne virus threatening to turn into a pandemic. Thriller, with Dustin Hoffman.

8.50 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: Live Eviction. Another housemate is given the boot.

10.00 Film: Harry Brown. (2009) Crime thriller, starring Michael Caine.

11.55 Autopsy: Anna Nicole Smith's Last Hours. (R)

12.55 SuperCasino. **3.10** My Post-Baby Breakdown: Jennifer Ellison. (R) **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.20** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.30** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Hana's Helpline. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.45** The Voice UK **9.00** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents: Thailand **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Uncle **11.15** American Dad!

BBC Four
7.00 Hidden Histories: Britain's Oldest Family Businesses **8.00** The Review Show **9.00** Storyville: The Big Melt – How Steel Made Us Hard **10.10 Film:** We Are What We Are (2010) **11.35** Horror Europa with Mark Gatiss

ITV2
2.40 Film: Miss Congeniality (2000) **4.50 Film:** Peter Pan (2003) **7.00 Film:** Despicable Me (2010) **9.00** The Magaluf Weekender **10.00 Film:** The Bourne Supremacy (2004)

ITV3
2.40 Film: Columbo: Troubled Waters (1975) **4.40** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00 Film:** Intolerable Cruelty (2003) **11.05** Cracker

ITV4
2.00 Film: Aces High (1976) **4.15 Film:** Dunkirk (1958) **7.00** Storage Wars **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Hard Target (1993) **11.00** Hell on Wheels **11.55 Film:** Born to Raise Hell (2010)

E4
4.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **5.00** The Tomorrow People **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **6.30** The Big Bang Theory **8.00 Film:** Furry Vengeance (2010) **9.50** Rude Tube 2012 **10.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **11.40** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.00 The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958) **4.45** Dr Dolittle (1998) **6.25** The Way Back (2010) **9.00** Kick-Ass (2010) **11.20** The Black Dahlia (2006)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY
Carolina Moon, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman returns to her home town, where she discovers that the killer of her childhood friend is still terrorising the community, and embarks on a mission to track him down before he claims another life. However, while trying to capture the murderer, romance unexpectedly blossoms between her and the handsome older brother of her deceased friend. Romantic mystery, starring Claire Forlani and Oliver Hudson. (2007)

TUESDAY
Little Voice, BBC1, 11.35pm
A painfully shy woman has a talent for impersonating famous performers including Shirley Bassey, Marilyn Monroe and Judy Garland. She is spotted by a greedy promoter who instinctively realises her considerable money-spinning potential, but the shrinking violet proves reluctant to step into the limelight. Comedy drama, with Jane Horrocks and Michael Caine. (1998)

WEDNESDAY
Fatal Trust, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A widow returns to the small town where she grew up to recover from her grief at the loss of her husband, and gets a job as a secretary to the local doctor. She becomes suspicious about the surprising number of patients who die after treatment, and becomes convinced the seemingly kind medic is poisoning them. Crime drama, starring Amy Jo Johnson. (2006)

The Siege, Friday, Channel 5, 10pm

THURSDAY
A Trick of the Mind, Channel 5, 3.10pm
A woman discovers a private eye is spying on her husband. When she confronts the detective, he claims her spouse is holding secrets back and that her life is in danger if she remains with him. She faces a dilemma over who to believe and how to uncover the truth without revealing her suspicions. Thriller, starring Alexandra Holden and Stacy Grant. (2006)

FRIDAY
The Siege, Channel 5, 10pm
New York is placed under martial law after a series of bombings and hijackings involving hundreds of casualties causes widespread panic, prompting a desperate bid by the FBI to find the terrorist cell responsible before full-scale civil unrest takes hold of the city. Thriller, starring Denzel Washington. (1998)

Saw IV, Channel 4, 11.20pm
Sadistic killer Jigsaw is dead, but FBI agents discover he has an accomplice who is continuing his fiendish games. Horror sequel, starring Costas Mandylor, Athena Karkanis, Scott Patterson, Tobin Bell and Betsy Russell. (2007)

Pick of the Week

Ice cool celebrities face a wintery challenge

Is there really space in our schedules for yet another celebrities-under-the-microscope series?

Dancing on Ice's final series is still on air, and we've only just said farewell to the latest run of Celebrity Big Brother. We've even had a brief run of a celeb-themed Great British Bake Off recently.

But Channel 4 clearly think we need to see more famous faces out of their comfort zone – and the dozen handpicked for this new sporting reality show, hosted by Davina McCall and Alex Brooker, will definitely be that.

With the start of Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, just a couple of weeks away, the broadcaster will be trying to get us in the mood for more snow and ice-based action by revealing how 12 familiar folk get on as they undergo rigorous instruction in seven winter sports – skeleton, bobsleigh, speed skating, speed skiing, skier cross, slalom and ski jump – before competing against each other.

Liam Humphreys, Channel 4's head of factual entertainment, says of the show: "This promises to be a hugely entertaining and ambitious event and we can't wait to take both our contestants and the audience on a white knuckle, vertigo-inducing ride."

Those taking part are former rower Steve Redgrave, ex-cricketer Darren Gough, comedian Marcus Brigstocke, hairdresser Nicky Clarke, party promoter Henry Conway, 5ive's Ritchie Neville, ex-Pussycat Doll Kimberly Wyatt, Essex girl Amy Childs, singer Sinitta, and TV presenters Anthea Turner, Melinda Messenger and Laura Hamilton.

They've been taken to a European destination for filming, where Winter Olympians Graham Bell and Amy Williams have been putting them through their paces. We'll get to see how they're getting on via on-piste reports and slow-motion footage of them in action.

We may also get to see two other stars on the slopes. The original line-up included socialist Tara Palmer-Tompkinson and Flash Gordon actor Sam Jones. They were replaced by Hamilton and Neville respectively; Palmer-Tompkinson withdrew after deciding the contest wasn't for her, while Jones was forced to quit by injury, which is a shame – those of us who grew up in the 1970s and 1980s would have loved to have seen how 'Flash' dealt with life on the slopes.

Both celebs did take part in some training, so hopefully we'll get to see some of it in the first programme.

Even those with only scant knowledge of sport will have realised that there's more potential for danger in this show than in, say Dancing on Ice or Strictly Come Dancing. But it's the final challenge that really sends shivers down the spine.

The programme will be broadcast over nine consecutive nights, and whichever duo score the lowest number of points in each edition must take part in the terrifying ski jump to secure their place in the contest.

Good job Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards is on hand with advice...

"The format is simple and compelling; the scale is enormous," says executive producer Andrew MacKenzie. "I'm looking forward to seeing our first skier patiently waiting at the top of a large ski jump ramp."

Aren't we all?

The Jump, Sunday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY
Britain's Great War
BBC1, 9pm
As Britain prepares to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, some politicians and historians have expressed concern that too many of us seem to have based our understanding of the conflict on repeats of Blackadder Goes Forth. Hopefully, they won't have quite so many objections to this new four-part series, which has been co-produced with The Open University, and looks at the role 'The Great War' played in creating Britain as we know it. In the opening episode, Jeremy Paxman charts the early stages of the war, including the mass recruitment of volunteer soldiers. But he also looks at how it affected the people left at home, who were gripped by a terror of invasion, seeing spies everywhere.

TUESDAY
Death in Paradise
BBC1, 9pm
The focus of this week's show is Fidel's suave old school friend, Carlton Parish, who he sees at an art gallery with Dorothy Foster, a wealthy older woman. When he is later shot at home, Humphrey and the team dig deeper into the case, and discover Parish was an escort who broke many a heart during his work. A local judge and the wife of a club owner are among his unhappy customers. However, as more secrets are revealed, Fidel has a hard time keeping a lid on his emotions, and he to confront some long-buried issues. Kris Marshall and Gary Carr head the cast, while Josette Simon is among the guest stars.

Paul O'Grady's Animal Orphans
ITV, 9pm
You can run but you can't hide from Paul O'Grady. He's everywhere at the moment, and luckily for us animal-loving softies, he's usually accompanied by a furry friend or three. This latest series has taken the presenter's own passion for animals and blown it up on a much bigger scale, sending him to South Africa and Zambia to meet animals that have been orphaned in the wild. But like all good things, it must come to an end, and in tonight's final episode, Paul is at Chipembele Animal Rescue, where he meets Douglas, a hippo calf who was found at five months old wandering alone near the Zambezi River. He also bottle feeds milk to a baby giraffe, and spends time with his favourite baby elephant, Nakala.

WEDNESDAY
Celebrity Big Brother: The Final
Channel 5, 9pm
It seems like no time at all since the latest raft of celebs entered the house, but already it's time for the nail-biting finale as Emma Willis whittles the remaining housemates down until this year's winner is known. And while it may have only lasted a few weeks, we've had no end of memorable moments – some of which we only wish we could scrub from our minds (and many of them involving Jasmine). We've had romance, we've had tears, and we've had a heavyweight boxer covered in gunge – it's all par for the course in Hertfordshire's most famous bungalow. But now, after three weeks of nominations, tasks and evictions, it's all about to come to a dramatic end.

Celebrity Big Brother: The Final, Wednesday, Channel 5, 9pm

Horizon: Sugar v Fat
BBC2, 9pm
Chances are for the past month, post-Christmas, we've all been hitting the gym and carefully monitoring the foods we're putting in our body. It's all very well counting the calories, but what harm is all the sugar and fat in those foods really doing? Doctors Chris and Xand van Tulleken are identical twins, and for the purpose of this programme, are going on month-long diets containing high volumes of fat or sugar to determine which is worse for the human body. The effects on their health prove to be shocking and surprising, however the docs also realise that their biggest enemy may have been staring them in the face the whole time. This is a must-see for all those intent on getting their bodies in tip-top shape this year…

THURSDAY
Dan Snow's History of the Winter Olympics
BBC2, 9pm
When the BBC began looking for a historian to present a programme looking back at 90 years of the Winter Olympics, how long do you think it took them to come up with Dan Snow? After all, he does have the perfect name for the job. This one-off documentary proves he has the knowledge too, as he travels across nine countries to learn more about how the Winter Games took shape and how it was affected by politics, whether it was due to Nazism or the tense rivalries of the Cold War. The tension between East and West arguably culminated in the emotional Olympics of Sarajevo in 1984, where Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean skated to victory on the strains of Bolero.

FRIDAY
Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Martin Kemp
ITV, 9pm
Martin Kemp's done rather a lot in his 52 years – enjoyed a lengthy pop life with Spandau Ballet, played iconic villain Steve Owen in EastEnders and even found himself a Celebrity Big Brother finalist – but chances are he's still got plenty of stories to tell given that he's taking to the hotseat in Piers Morgan's studio. Like the fact that he almost died after finding out about a brain tumour which needed major surgery. He talks of the highs and lows of being in one of the most successful groups to emerge from the New Romantic era, his performance in The Krays (both alongside brother Gary of course), and exactly why he owes friend George Michael big time.

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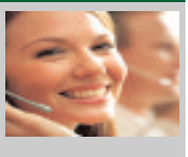

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 T	2 U	3 J	4 C	5 K	6 Y	7 R	8 N	9 P	10 X	11 L	12 M	13 E
14 I	15 W	16 G	17 S	18 H	19 D	20 O	21 B	22 A	23 V	24 Z	25 Q	26 F

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Contemplates the patrons of the liberal arts (5)
4. Wanted: a title of respect in the legal paper (7)
8. Officially he's only a beginner (7)
9 & 15 Dn. This is used to keep the blades close to the ground (5-6)
10. Require a piece of fine edging (4)
11. Subordinate made to supply an inadequate crew (8)
13. In imprisonment I escaped the bonds (4)
14. A number of horses requiring endless mental application (4)
16. Plausibly deceptive speculation followed by debts (8)
17. Food and money for the journey required (4)
20. What friends do is correspond (5)
21. One among a variety of cattle perceptive to touch (7)
22. Goddess encountered among the stags (7)
23. In the tennis game he is like lightning! (5)

Down

1. Get the wrong message? (13)
2. Government to make an announcement... (5)
3. ...it's disturbed by eastern position (4)
4. Venturing to put up an advertisement near the arena (6)
5. Get mess put right around northern parts of the sphere (8)
6. Took warlike measures - provided with new members? (7)
7. Breaking off action, but Sid is returning to battle! (13)
12. One who's in a sorry state (8)
13. More confused after the mathematical proof (7)
15. See 9 Across
18. Chemical coming from a hole in the ground (5)
19. Dramatises part of the New Testament (4)

1		2		3	■	4		5		6		7
	■		■		■		■		■		■	
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Quick Clues:

Across

1. Horrify (5)
4. Feign (7)
8. Sentinel (4-3)
9. Tartan (5)
10. Joy (4)
11. Clumsy (8)
13. Brought up (4)
14. Gentle (4)
16. Conducive to health (8)
17. Droop (4)
20. Nimble (5)
21. Outstanding (7)
22. Dulcify (7)
23. Clothe (5)

Down

1. Quarrelling (2,11)
2. Verify (5)
3. Plunder (4)
4. Powerful (6)
5. Clearly stated (8)
6. Made possible (7)
7. Crane-fly (5-4-4)
12. Forcible (8)
13. Deceive (7)
15. Repudiate (6)
18. Shelf (5)
19. Look after (4)

Sudoku

4		6			5	7		8
9		2			8		6	
			6					5
	8		3			2		
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		1			2		4	
5	2				6			
		9	1			6		2
		8	5	2		4		7

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

7	4	5	2	9	1	6	8	3
9	8	3	6	5	4	7	2	1
2	1	6	7	8	3	4	9	5
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3	9	4	5	6	2	1	7	8
5	6	8	1	7	9	2	3	4
8	5	1	3	2	7	9	4	6
6	7	9	8	4	5	3	1	2
4	3	2	9	1	6	8	5	7

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Dramatist; 8 Date; 9 Masterful; 10 Cellar; 11 Cheat; 14 Tempo; 15 Note; 16 Reach; 18 Oath; 20 Overt; 21 Earth; 24 Strain; 25 Pin-points; 26 Scan; 27 Degrading. Down: 1 Education; 2 Stalemate; 4 Rear; 5 Match; 6 Tartan; 7 Soul; 9 Major; 11 Crash; 12 Tolerance; 13 Pertinent; 17 Hosts; 19 Hamper; 22 Tried; 23 Line; 24 Sten. QUICK - Across: 3 Qualified; 8 Nail; 9 Aggregate; 10 Obtuse; 11 Fears; 14 Range; 15 Echo; 16 Stiff; 18 Cues; 20 Ample; 21 Dandy; 24 Plaint; 25 Frivolous; 26 Hail; 27 Depressed. Down: 1 Incorrect; 2 Distended; 4 Urge; 5 Large; 6 Figure; 7 Eats; 9 Asses; 11 Fairy; 12 Sceptical; 13 Forestall; 17 Falls; 19 Salver; 22 Dulls; 23 Free; 24 Pure.

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2 CAUSEWAY ROAD £139,950
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- Three bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Conservatory at rear
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18 EBENZER STREET £108,500
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- Terraced house
- Two bedrooms
- Attractively presented
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24 FOSTER AVENUE £107,950
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- Gas central heating
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- , Downstairs wc

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £220,000

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- Modern Kitchen
- , Lounge

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £80,000

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- 2 Bedroom ground floor flat
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- Kitchen
- , Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND:
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- Kitchen
- , Bathroom

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- Lounge
- , Kitchen

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- , Lounge

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £120,000

Bilston Park Road NEW

- 2 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- No Upward Chain
- Lounge
- , Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £55,000

Bilston Loxdale Street NEW

- 3 Bedroom Traditional Semi
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge/Diner
- , Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £115,000

Willenhall Hodson Avenue

- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Refurbished
- Modern Kitchen
- , Utility

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £112,000

Bilston Park Meadow Avenue

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- Downstairs wc
- Lounge
- , Kitchen/Diner

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £99,950

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- 4 Coronation Road, Walsall Wood, WS9 9NG
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OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £54,950

Birmingham Ivanhoe Road NEW

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Through Lounge & Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, First Floor Bathroom

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £189,950

Walsall Biddlestone Grove

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge & Dining Room
- No Ongoing Chain, Contemporary Style Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £120,000

Walsall Wrekin View REDUCED

- Traditional Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Utility Area & Ground Floor Shower Room

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £142,000

Walsall Segundo Road

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms & First Floor Bathroom
- Lounge Incorporating Dining Area
- No Chain - Viewing Essential, Kitchen & Utility Room

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £130,000

Walsall Holmbridge Grove

- Executive 5 Bedroom Detached House
- Quiet Cul-de-Sac Position
- Reception Hall & Guest Cloaks
- Central Heating and Double Glazing, Lounge and Seperate Dining Room

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £249,950

Walsall Martingale Close

- Extended Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Viewing Essential To Appreciate, Kitchen Incorporating Breakfast Area

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £159,950

Bilston Chorley Gardens

- 2 Bedroom Modern House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge
- , Kitchen

OFFERS AROUND:
Viewing: £97,000

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WERGS ROAD, TETTENHALL £650,000

This spacious detached family home occupies a choice position and is set back from the road briefly comprises vestibule, impressive entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, full length drawing room, dining room, conservatory, GCH & DG, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, utility, 6 double bedrooms, - 2 en-suite, 2 further bathrooms, in and out driveway, integral double garage, enclosed rear garden. EPC=D56

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CAYNTON ROAD, BECKBURY £499,500

This family home which we understand has received over £200,000 of improvements to completely restyle briefly comprises porch, entrance hall, living room, dining kitchen, utility, cloakroom, oil fired CH & DG, 5 good size bedrooms with 2 en-suite shower rooms, luxury family bathroom, tarmacardam driveway, integral garage and landscaped rear garden overlooking fields.EPC=C71

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BAKERS GARDENS, CODSALL £425,000

This spacious detached home briefly comprises reception porch, entrance hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with adjoining family room, separate sitting/ dining room, breakfast kitchen, laundry room, inner lobby, 5 first floor bedrooms- master en-suite, family bathroom, full length with dual aspect snooker room with stairs leading to bedroom 6 with balcony, enclosed rear garden with lovely views, integral double garage and parking. EPC=C70

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MOUNT ROAD PENN £349,950

Occupying a choice corner position this traditional detached property which has over the years been sympathetically restyled and extended briefly comprises enclosed porch, entrance hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen with breakfast area, utility, cloakroom, a choice of five bedrooms (with wash hand basin in bed 1 and shower cubicle in bed 2) family bathroom, off road parking, enclosed rear garden EPC=E42

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LABURNUM COTTAGE, PATTING-HAM £289,950

This Grade II Listed Period Cottage briefly comprises dining hall with dual sweeping feature staircase, rear entrance hall with fitted cloakroom, sitting room with multi fuel stove and feature stone fireplace, breakfast kitchen, oil fired central heating and double glazing where stated, a choice of 3 double bedrooms- master ensuite, Victorian style bathroom suite, walled courtyard, garage and parking. EPC=E52

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BREWOOD ROAD, COVEN £249,950

This charming Victorian double fronted semi detached property briefly comprises entrance hall, sitting room with cast iron stove, dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances, utility room and gardeners w/c, three double bedrooms, refitted bathroom suite, cobbled driveway, secured parking, detached double garage with first floor hobby/ playroom and enclosed rear garden .EPC=D56

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TRIMPLEY GARDENS, PENN £249,950

Occupying a slightly elevated position within this quiet cul-de-sac this double fronted detached bungalow provides an excellent standard of living accommodation briefly comprises reception porch, L shaped entrance hall, good size sitting room overlooking the rear garden, separate dining room, breakfast kitchen, utility, two double bedrooms, shower room, off road parking, garage, landscaped front and rear gardens. EPC=E50

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Offers £275,000

DERWENT ROAD PALMERS CROSS

A much extended and particularly pleasing Detached Family Residence of considerable appeal enjoying an attractive secluded setting in this highly popular road. Reception hall, study/bedroom 4, inner hall, cloakoom, with w.c., dining room, lounge, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, two bathrooms, CH, uPVC double glazing, garage, large lawned rear garden. No upward chain. Energy rating: E

£249,500

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A surprisingly spacious detached Bungalow built by Tomlinson builders in the mid 1960s holding an attractive setting in this highly popular residential neighbourhood. Enclosed porch, reception hall, 28ft lounge/dining area, fitted breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, car port, garage, bin and garden stores, landscaped gardens, private aspect at the rear. No upward chain. Energy rating: F

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£220,000

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A pleasing Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this very popular area just off Buttons Farm Road; excellent local shops, schools and bus services are readily available and Wolverhampton City Centre and the University are within easy travelling distance.. Reception hall, through lounge/dining area, kitchen, freezer room/workshop, toilet, store room/potential utility room. three bedrooms, bathroom, separate toilet, drive affording ample parking space, garage, private rear garden, further lawned garden at the side, gas central heating, uPVC double glazing. Energy rating: D

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PENTLAND GARDENS COMPTON

An extended Detached Bungalow of much attraction and charm enjoying a lovely secluded setting in this highly popular neighbourhood. Standing in delightfully landscaped gardens, the property offers; Reception hall, guests cloakroom, fine 21ft lounge, refitted dining kitchen, utility, inner hall, two bedrooms, uPVC double glazed conservatory, deluxe shower room, uPVC DG, CH, garage, workshop/garden store. Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

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WINDSOR GARDENS CASTLECROFT

A most pleasing Semi Detached Family Residence enjoying an attractive setting in this highly popular area. In need of some updating but affording considerable potential, the property is well positioned for local amenities and within easy travelling distance of Wolverhampton City Centre and the University. Enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, uPVC DG, GCH, garage, front and rear gardens. Energy rating: E

£180,000

BELMONT ROAD PENN

Enjoying an attractive elevated setting in this popular road, a considerably extended Detached Family Residence in need of some modernisation and redecoration but affording considerable scope for improvement. Enclosed porch, hall, cloakroom with w.c., dining room, extended lounge, "L" shaped breakfast room/kitchen, utility, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room conversion, majority uPVC DG, CH, garage, gardens. Early sale desired. Energy rating: D

£180,000

MILL LANE TETTENHALL WOOD

Especially attractive Detached Bungalow of traditional character and charm enjoying a gently elevated setting in this highly sought after area. Fine lounge with sitting room/bedroom off, inner hall, well fitted kitchen, principal bedroom, de luxe shower room, dining room, Victorian styled uPVC double glazed conservatory, uPVC DG, CH, ample parking space, lovely, easy to maintain rear garden with feature Chinese styled pagoda. Early sale desired. Part exchange considered. Energy rating: D

£179,950

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An Edwardian Detached Double Fronted House in need of some updating and refurbishment enjoying a pleasant secluded setting in this very popular neighbourhood. Enclosed porch, hall, through living room, through sitting room, kitchen, verandah/rear lobby, two double bedrooms, bathroom, gas CH, part secondary and double glazing, front and side gardens (there is a very small rear garden), garage. No upward chain. Energy rating: F

£149,950

LUTLEY CLOSE BRADMORE

A delightfully presented and most appealing Semi Detached House of considerable charm enjoying a lovely end of cul-de-sac setting in this very popular area. Reception hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two good bedrooms, deluxe bathroom, uPVC DG, CH, attractively laid out gardens. Extension potential (subject to PP). Viewing recommended. Energy rating: D

Offers from £135,000

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A pleasing End Town House standing in lovely secluded garden setting and well positioned for excellent local shops, schools and bus services. Hall, attractive lounge, dining area, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, CH, uPVC DG, garage. Energy rating: E

£127,000

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A spacious Semi Detached Family Residence holding a convenient position only a short distance from the City Centre and well placed for the University. Canopy porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility with toilet off, four bedrooms, bathroom, front garden affording off road parking space, enclosed rear garden, gas central heating. Energy rating: E

£110,000

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- Well maintained extended semi-detached ● Three double bedrooms
- Spacious living room with dining area ● Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen plus utility ● Downstairs shower room
- Modernised first floor bathroom ● Garage & Off road parking
- Pleasant rear garden ● VIEWING RECOMMENDED ● Energy Rating D

£199,950

POPULAR LOCATION

NEW

HURST ROAD
COSELEY

- Substantial semi-detached family property with three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge diner ● Breakfast kitchen ● Modernised bathroom
- Off road parking ● 23ft Garage ● Double glazing (where specified)
- Low maintenance rear garden ● VIEWING RECOMMENDED
- Local to amenities ● Energy Rating D

£124,950

RETIREMENT HOME

NEW

BEECHWOOD COURT
TETTENHALL

- Retirement home set in a picturesque location ● MUST BE SEEN
- Lift to all floors ● Extremely popular residential area
- Delightful communal areas ● Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Bedroom
- Second floor apartment ● Within a short distance to Tettenhall Village
- 24hr Emergency Response ● Communal laundry ● No upward chain

£85,000

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NEW

DIMMOCKS AVENUE
COSELEY

- Substantial semi-detached family home ● Three bedrooms
- Lounge, Playroom, Conservatory ● Downstairs shower room
- Spacious dining kitchen, Useful laundrette ● First floor bathroom
- Off road parking ● Central heating, Double glazing (where specified) Energy Rating TBC

£125,000

NEW

BEACONSFIELD AVENUE
PARKFIELDS

- Semi-detached bungalow ● Two bedrooms ● Fitted kitchen
- Lounge with bay window ● Bathroom with white suite
- Utility and laundrette ● Off road Parking ● Rear garden
- Central heating & Double glazing (where specified)
- Energy Rating TBC

£95,000

NEW

NALLY DRIVE
COSELEY

- Semi-detached family home ● Three double bedrooms
- Secure off road parking ● Lounge plus sitting room
- Downstairs WC ● Useful storage areas ● Shower room
- Energy Rating TBC

£115,000

NEW

MARLBOROUGH ROAD
WOODSETTON

- Modern style end-town house with three good size bedrooms
- Spacious family residence ● 15ft x 14ft Living room
- Breakfast kitchen ● Downstairs WC ● Wet Room
- Central heating ● Double glazing ● Off road parking Energy Rating TBC

£119,995

PADARN CLOSE
OFF NORTHWAY

- MUST BE SEEN! ● Well maintained and recently improved family home
- Mid-town house with three bedrooms ● Lounge plus conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen ● Bathroom with separate bath and shower cubicle
- Central heating, double glazing ● Allocated parking Energy Rating: TBC

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CASTLECROFT HOUSE
CASTLECROFT

- Luxury ground floor apartment in immaculate condition throughout
- Two double bedrooms ● 27ft Living room with kitchen area
- Well appointed bathroom plus ensuite shower room ● Central heating
- Double glazing ● Allocated parking ● Secured electrically operated gates
- Extensive communal gardens ● VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: C

Reduced to £149,950

FAIRVIEW ROAD
PENN

- Traditional three bedroom spacious semi-detached home
- Well maintained throughout ● 21ft Living room plus dining room
- Double glazed conservatory ● Spacious dining kitchen ● Shower room
- Central heating ● Double glazing ● Energy Rating: E

Reduced to £150,000

FIELDHOUSE ROAD
ETTINGSHALL PARK

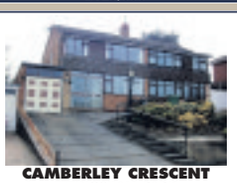
- A particularly impressive semi-detached family home ● Three bedrooms
- Occupying a corner position ● Extended accommodation
- Two reception rooms plus sun room ● Kitchen with utility area
- Luxury bathroom ● Downstairs WC ● Extensive gardens Energy Rating: D

£155,000

BEVERLEY CRESCENT
PARKFIELDS

- Traditional semi-detached property with extended accommodation
- Three bedrooms ● Two reception rooms ● Central heating
- Double glazing ● Enclosed rear garden ● Local to a range of amenities
- Off road parking Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £135,995



CAMBERLEY CRESCENT
ETTINGSHALL PARK

- A substantial three bedroom semi-detached family home
- Extremely desirable location ● Spacious 23ft lounge diner
- Central heating and double glazing ● 30ft Garage ● Private rear garden
- Off road parking ● NO UPWARD CHAIN Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £144,950

BERRINGTON DRIVE
COSELEY

- Well maintained modern mid town house ● Two double bedrooms
- Quite cul-de-sac location ● Fitted kitchen ● Shower room
- Double glazing & Central Heating (where specified)
- Private rear garden ● Energy rating C

£112,500

POINTON CLOSE
COSELEY

- Spacious semi-detached house ● Three double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms ● Fitted kitchen ● Downstairs Cloaks
- Central heating ● uPVC Double glazing ● Quiet location
- Extensive gardens to the side and rear Energy Rating:TBC

Reduced to £99,950

SUMMERHILL ROAD
COSELEY

- A development of 8 brand new homes realistically priced in Coseley currently under construction and expected to be available early 2014 ● Two bedroom Semi-Detached Houses ● Two bedroom End-town Houses ● 4 Two bedroom Mid-town Houses

£104,950- 115,000

PHOENIX STREET
BLAKENHALL

- Spacious mid-terraced family property ● Three bedrooms
- 25ft Lounge diner ● 19ft Kitchen ● Shower room plus bathroom
- Central heating ● Double glazing ● Convenient location
- VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: D

£111,000

HILTON ROAD
LANESFIELD

- Well maintained first floor flat with two double bedrooms
- Ideal first time buy ● 14ft Lounge ● Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom with white suite ● Heating ● uPVC Double glazing
- Pleasant rear garden ● No upward chain Energy Rating: D

£79,950

CLIFTON STREET
COSELEY

- Delightful detached bungalow well presented throughout
- Two bedrooms ● Spacious lounge diner ● Conservatory
- Fitted kitchen ● Wet room/shower room ● Low maintenance garden
- Off road parking ● Quiet position Energy Rating: D

£142,500

ETTYMORE ROAD
SEDGLEY

- Detached family residence with extremely spacious accommodation
- Four bedrooms ● Sitting room plus 19ft living room ● Modern kitchen
- Central heating ● Double glazing ● Off road parking ● Private garden
- Conveniently close to Sedgley centre ● NO CHAIN Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £219,950

FLAMBOROUGH WAY
COSELEY

- Detached family home ● Four bedrooms ● Dining kitchen plus laundrette
- Lounge and dining room ● Bathroom plus ensuite ● Central heating
- Off road parking and garage ● Private rear garden Energy Rating: D
- INTERIOR VIEWING RECOMMENDED

Reduced to £179,995

MOUNT PLEASANT STREET
COSELEY

- Extremely well presented link-detached property with three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms ● 18ft Dining kitchen ● Bathroom
- Central heating ● Double glazing ● Driveway ● 15ft x 15ft Garage
- Delightful rear garden ● MUST BE VIEWED Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £139,950

ORTON LANE
WOMBOURNE

- A distinctive detached property ● Substantial family residence
- Three bedrooms ● Desirable and highly popular location
- Two driveways providing parking ● Lounge plus dining room
- Kitchen plus laundrette ● Garage plus carport ● Central heating
- Double glazing ● VIEWING RECOMMENDED Energy Rating: D

Reduced to £270,000

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WOLVERHAMPTON
INCHLAGGEN ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms ● Two reception rooms ● Refitted kitchen
- Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- Enclosed rear garden ● Block paved off road parking
- No upward chain ● Energy rating 'TBC'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £97,000

SOLD IN ONE WEEK!!

WOLVERHAMPTON
CAVENDISH ROAD

- Beautifully presented mid terraced property
- Three generous size bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating
- Lounge & separate dining room ● Refitted kitchen
- First floor bathroom with white suite ● Paved off road parking
- No upward chain ● Energy rating 'E'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £99,995

SOLD IN ONE WEEK!!

WEDNESFIELD
MERRICK ROAD

- Pleasant purpose built first floor flat
- One double bedroom
- UPVC double glazed windows ● Gas fired central heating
- Generous lounge with feature fire place
- Enclosed rear garden ● Off road parking ● Energy rating 'TBC'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £65,000

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NEW

WEDNESFIELD
BLACKHALVE LANE

- Traditional style double fronted semi detached property
- Three bedrooms ● Two reception rooms
- 14' Sunroom/verandah
- Gas central heating & majority double glazed windows
- Wetroom style shower room & separate wc
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage & off road parking
- Energy rating 'D'
- No upward chain ● Ideal family home

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,995

WANTED

TWO AND THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTIES IN LYNDALE PARK, WEDNESFIELD

WANTED

ONE TWO AND THREE BEDROOM PROPERTIES IN THE ASHMORE PARK & MOATHOUSE AREAS

NEW

WEDNESFIELD
COLMAN AVENUE

- Beautifully presented semi detached property in popular location
- Two good sized double bedrooms
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas central heating
- Refitted kitchen and first floor shower room
- Enclosed rear garden
- Block paved off road parking
- No upward chain
- Energy rating 'TBC'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £102,500

WANTED

TWO AND THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOWS IN ALL AREAS

NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON
RINGWOOD ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Fitted galley style kitchen
- Off road parking
- No upward chain
- Energy rating 'TBC'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £87,500

NEW

ASHMORE PARK, W'FIELD
LEVESON ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property in popular Ashmore Park location
- Three bedrooms ● Two reception rooms ● Refitted kitchen
- Side lobby with guest wc/utility ● Refitted wetroom style shower room
- UPVC d/glazing (Bar one) ● Maj gas c/heating ● Paved off road parking
- No upward chain ● Energy rating 'TBC'

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500

CONSERVATORY

COPPICE FARM
HILLBURY DRIVE

- Extended Improved Modern Style Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Kitchen ● Conservatory ● Utility
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom ● Energy rating D
- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
- Garage ● Driveway ● Rear Gardens

£156,950

WANTED

THREE AND FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTIES ON THE YALE ESTATE WEDNESFIELD

REDUCED

WEDNESFIELD
SOBERTON CLOSE

- Modern style detached family home in popular location ● Three bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes ● Spacious 'L' shaped lounge ● UPVC double glazed conservatory ● UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating ● Double garage & off road parking ● No upward chain ● Energy rating 'D'

NOW £171,995 OFFERS

REDUCED

MOSELEY MEADOW, W'TON
WYCHALL DRIVE

- Extended improved semi detached property in popular location ● Three bedrooms ● Refitted bathroom ● Dining kitchen ● D/glazing ● Gas c/heating ● Garage & off road parking ● Rear patio garden ● No chain ● Energy rating 'C'

NOW OFFERS IN REGION OF £142,500

REDUCED

FEATHERSTONE, W'TON
SANDERLING CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property in popular village location
- Three bedrooms master with fitted wardrobes ● Refitted kitchen ● Lounge & dining room ● UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating ● Garage & off road parking ● Viewing recommended ● Energy rating 'D'

NOW OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £137,500

REDUCED

WEDNESFIELD
VICTORIA ROAD

- Traditional villa style end terraced property ● Pleasantly appointed accommodation throughout ● Three good size bedrooms ● UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating ● Two reception rooms ● Refitted breakfast kitchen ● Large garden ● No upward chain ● Energy rating 'D'

NOW OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £112,500

REDUCED

ASHMORE PARK
BRINDLEY AVENUE

- Pleasant semi detached property in popular Ashmore Park development
- Three bedrooms ● 20ft through lounge/dining room
- D/glazing & gas fired c/heating ● First floor bathroom with white suite
- Generous garden with paved patio
- No upward chain ● Ideal buy to let ● Energy rating 'D'

NOW £104,950 OFFERS

REDUCED

WOLVERHAMPTON
RUDGE AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style semi detached property
- Two double bedrooms, master with modern fitted wardrobes ● UPVC d/glazing throughout ● Gas fired central heating ● UPVC d/glazed conservatory ● Black paved off road parking ● No upward chain ● Energy rating 'D'

NOW £97,500 OFFERS

REDUCED

WOLVERHAMPTON
FREISLAND DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed semi detached property
- Much sought after location
- Three good size bedrooms
- Gas fired c/heating ● Potential to improve
- Garage, carport & off road parking
- No chain ● REDUCED TO SELL must be viewed
- Energy rating 'D'

NOW £113,995 OFFERS

REDUCED

ESSINGTON
ROWAN DRIVE

- Well presented modern style detached family home in cul-de-sac location in sought after village
- Three bedrooms
- Upcv d/glazing ● Gas c/heating
- Fitted kitchen with island ● Lounge & sitting/dining room
- Enclosed rear garden ● Off road parking ● Energy rating 'E'

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REDUCED

FEATHERSTONE
THE AVENUE

- Beautifully presented spacious semi detached property
- Popular village location ● Three bedrooms
- Lounge with multi fuel burner ● UPVC d/glazing & gas c/heating
- Guest wc ● Generous garden
- Garage & off road parking ● Energy rating 'E'

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£400,000

A four bedroom property in a quiet cul-de-sac location, with scope for improvement. Viewing is highly reccomended to fully appreciate the potential.

Bilbrook Road, Codsall

£325,000

A traditional, extended and much improved detached property. A fantastic family home with good sized accommodation.

Lytham Road, Perton

£300,000

This detached property on Lytham Road, has no upward chain. Comprises lounge, remodeled kitchen, four bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Orton Lane, Wombourne

£270,000

An extended three bedroom property on Wombourne's Orton Lane. Comprising lounge, dining room and family bathroom.

Wykeham Grove, Perton

£260,000

An impressive detached property situated on the edge of the Perton development with lounge, playroom/reception, kitchen/dining area and utility.

Strathmore Crescent, Wombourne

£260,000

This superbly appointed detached, three bedroom home comprises lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility and downstairs cloaks/shower room.

Adwalton Road, Perton

£225,000

An extended and improved detached four bedroom home in a cul-de-sac location.

Reynolds Grove, Perton

£210,000

Detached four bedroom home situated in a desireable location of Perton with open views.

Vaughan Gardens, Codsall

£185,000

A well appointed two bedroom terraced property with front garden and rear courtyard garden. Updated by current owners. Must be viewed.

Manor House Park, Codsall

£180,000

A three bedroom property on a corner plot, with enclosed rear garden. Requiring some internal redecoration.

The Nurseries, Coven

£160,000

An extended three bedroom family home offered with no chain. The property is tucked away in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

Ayrton Close, Perton

£160,000

A three bedroom semi detached property set in a cul-de-sac location. Garage and off road parking.

Birches Road, Codsall

£150,000

Extensively refurbished two bedroom link detached bungalow comprising lounge, kitchen and bathroom.

Anson Close, Perton

£145,000

Requiring updating to the purchasers requirements, the accommodation comprises lounge. kitchen, shower room and two bedrooms.

Benson Close, Perton

£125,000

Chain free property in the village of Perton. Located in a cul-de-sac, convenient for local amenities, this end terraced property has to be viewed.

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£75,000

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£225,000

Four bedroom modern detached residance with garage conversion providing a third reception room in addition to the lounge and conservatory.

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£190,000

A three bedroom detached property in a cul-de-sac location close to schools and local amenities.

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£185,000

A four bedroom detached property with its own driveway, garage and large rear garden. This property is double glazed.

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£165,000

This is an extended traditional three bedroom semi detached property in Penn area of Wolverhampton, close to all amenities.

Halesworth Road, Wolverhampton

£165,000

A modern property located within easy access to the new i54 development and the M54 Motorway. In need of some updating.

Stafford Road, Wolverhampton

£150,000

A three bedroom traditional property with disabled acces to front and rear of property. Comprising lounge, extended kitchen and large rear garden.

Birmingham New Road, Wolverhampton

£135,000

A semi detached property located within easy reach of transport links. Comprising lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and off road parking.

Beach Avenue, Bilston

£130,000

An extended four bedroom property in Bilston area of Wolverhampton, close to Birmingham new road, on routes to City Centre and close to all amenities.

Beach Avenue, Bilston

£125,000

A three bedroom semi detached property comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, large rear garden and off road parking.

Westacre Crescent, Wolverhampton

£120,000

Two bedroom end terraced property with lounge, kitchen and bathroom. The property has double glazed windows and gas radiator heating.

Davenport Road, Wednesfield

£115,000

A three bedroom end terraced property in Wednesfield area of Wolverhampton. Comprises conservatory and large rear garden.

Castlebridge Road, Wolverhampton

£110,000

An end terraced property with three bedrooms in Wednesfield area of Wolverhampton. Comprises lounge, kitchen/diner, rear garden and bathroom.

Tolworth Gardens, Wolverhampton

£60,000

Two bedroom first floor flat for sale with own private garden and ample off road parking. There is a separate kitchen, lounge and bathroom.

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£60,000

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£209,750

DUNSTALL

Carter Road

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Recently refurbished, three bedrooms and two reception rooms. call today to avoid disappointment. EPC rating = D

£75,000

BILSTON

Nightingale Place

The property is situated in a sought after cul-de-sac location and is in close proximity to local schools, lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen, utility area, guest W/C, four bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from having gas central heating, majority double glazing, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. epc rating = E

£140,000

FALLINGS PARK

Milton Road

An ideal buy to let or first time buyer purchase on the traditional terraced property situated in close proximity to local schools, shops, ammenities and new cross hospital. In brief the accommodation on offer comprises; entrance hallway, front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, bathroom, verandah and three bedrooms. Internal viewing recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer. NO UPWARD CHAIN. awaiting epc.

£82,000

OXLEY

Church Road

A recently renovated traditional bay fronted semi detached property, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms and shower room. Off road parking and shared driveway leading to garage, double glazing, gas central heating NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC rating = F

£140,000

WEDNESFIELD

Prestwood Road West

ATTENTION INVESTORS. This property used to comprise of two appartments both of which where two bedrooms with their own access however was changed by the current owners into a four bedroom semi however could be potentially converted back (subject to planning permissions) EPC rating = E

£140,000 OIEO

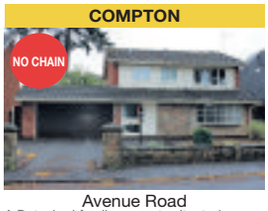
NEWBRIDGE

Crowther Road

Internal viewing is recommended to fully appreciate the size of accommodation this property has to offer in brief it comprises, two reception rooms, recently re-fitted kitchen, recently re-fitted bathroom and three bedrooms. Enclosed rear garden. call today for more information. awaiting EPC.

£150,000

COMPTON



Avenue Road

A Detached family property situated in a sought after location, in brief the accommodation comprises, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, laundry room, guest W/C, four bedroom with en-suite to master. EPC rating = E

£300,000

MUXTON

The Berrington

The Berrington is a detached four bedroom family home, part exchange available. The accommodation on offer within the Berrington briefly comprises; entrance hallway, guest W/C, lounge, dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms with en-suite shower room to master bedroom and family bathroom. The property also benefits from having a single garage and a comes with a ten year NHBC warranty.

£234,750

TIVIDALE

Cartwright Garden

INTERNAL VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO APPRECIATE THE SIZE OF ACCOMMODATION ON OFFER.
In brief the property offer spacious accommodation which briefly comprises, entrance porch, dining area, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, off road parking and enclosed rear garden. EPC rating = C

£130,000

DARLASTON

Johnson Road

An extended three bedroom end terraced property which needs viewing internally to fully appreciate the size of accommodation this property has to offer which in brief comprises; entrance porch, entrance hallway, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms and family bathroom. The property also benefits from being in a cul-de-sac location, a driveway providing off road parking, gas central heating, double glazing and garage in a nearby block. EPC rating = E

£130,000

PARK VILLAGE

Leslie Road

An ideal buy to let or first time buyer purchase on the traditional terraced property situated in close proximity to local schools, shops, ammenities. In brief the accommodation on offer comprises; entrance hallway, front reception room, rear reception room, kitchen, bathroom, verandah and three bedrooms. Internal viewing recommended to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing. epc rating = D

£72,500

TO LET

Tempest Street

- City Centre Location
- Available now
- Rent includes utility bills
- Call To View today

£250 PCM

TO LET

Dudley Road

- One bedroom first floor flat
- Close to local amenities
- Off road parking
- Available now
- EPC rating = E

£400 PCM

TO LET

Crawford Road

- One bedroom apartment
- Close to city centre
- Shared garden
- Available now
- Awaiting epc

£425 PCM

TO LET

Bruford Road

- Three bedrooms
- Available now
- Two reception rooms
- DHSS accepted
- EPC = E

£500 PCM

TO LET

Carter Road

- Three bedroom terraced house
- Dhss accepted
- Two reception rooms
- Close to local amenities
- EPC rating = D

£500 PCM

TO LET

Stratton Street

- Recently re-furbished
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception rooms
- Available now
- Awaiting EPC

£500 PCM

TO LET

Blanefield

- Three Bedrooms
- DHSS considered
- Off road parking
- Close to local amenities
- Awaiting EPC

£525 PCM

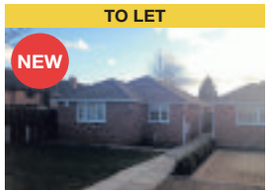
TO LET

Aldersley Road

- Three bedroom terraced
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- EPC rating = F

£525 PCM

TO LET

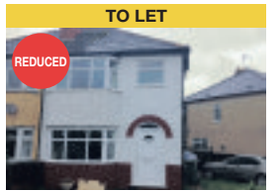


Hurstbourne Crescent

- Three Bedrooms
- First to see will rent
- Internal viewing required
- call today to avoid disappointment
- epc rating = B

£595 PCM

TO LET



The Crescent

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- Sought after Location
- EPC rating = D

£600 PCM

TO LET

Lea road

- Four Bedrooms
- Available now
- DHSS considered
- EPC rating = E

£600 PCM

TO LET

Oxley

- Two bedrooms
- Brand new apartment
- Allocated parking space
- Available now
- EPC rating = C

£525 PCM

LET AGREED

Blakenhall

- Two bedroom semi
- available now
- Garage
- DHSS accepted
- EPC rating = E

£495 PCM

LET AGREED

Bowker Street

- Sought after location
- Three Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Large conservatory
- EPC rating = D

£525 PCM

LET AGREED

Gainford Close

- DHSS ACCEPTED
- Two bedrooms
- Close to local amenities
- Available now
- EPC Rating = D

£480 PCM

LET AGREED

Higham Way

- Three bedroom semi detached house
- Situated in a cul de sac location
- Off road parking
- Large reception room
- Epc rating = D

£550 PCM

LET AGREED

Bruford Road

- DISCOUNTED APPLICATION FEE
- Three Bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Available now
- EPC rating = D

£500 PCM

LET AGREED

Brunslow Close

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Garage
- EPC rating = D

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BRADMORE

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WEDNESFIELD

3 bed semi detached with garage, driveway, good size rear garden, lounge, extended dining room, bathroom plus ground floor shower room, D/G, gas C/H, excellent amenities nearby. Available Now unfurnished

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PERTON £260,000

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PERTON £245,000

NEW

ST MAWES ROAD

Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge● Dining Kitchen● Conservatory● Utility Room● Cloakroom W/C● Two Garages● Double Glazing● Gas Central Heating● Cul De Sac Location
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PERTON £240,000

REDUCED

The Staddlestones

Executive Four Bedroom Detached House ●Lounge & Separate Dining Room ●Breakfast Kitchen ●Thru Hallway ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Garage ●Cul De Sac Location ●Double Glazing ●Downstairs Cloakroom W.C
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St Mawes Road

Four Bedroom Detached House● Lounge● Dining Room● Utility Room● Downstairs W.C ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating● Garage● Front And Rear Gardens
PERTON ✆ 01902 744111

PERTON £215.000

RICHMOND DRIVE

Four Bedroom Detached House● Thru Hallway● Lounge & Dining Room● Breakfast Kitchen● Utility Room● Downstairs W.C● Ensuite To Master Bedroom● Further Bathroom W.C● Garage● South Facing Garden
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ALBRIGHTON £200,000

CHURCH ROAD

Three Bedroom Cottage Style House● Lounge/Diner● Breakfast Kitchen● Utility Area● Conservatory● Studio/Music Room● Double Glazing● Gas Central Heating● Carport● Front And Rear Gardens● Popular Village Location
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PERTON £195,000

LEASOWE DRIVE

Three Bedroom Detached House● Lounge● Dining Kitchen● Sun Lounge● Utility Room● Garage● Bathroom W/C● Double Glazing● Front And Rear Gardens● Gas Central Heating
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PERTON £193,000

Beverston Road

Three Bedroom Detached House●Lounge And Separate Dining Room● Modern Fitted Kitchen● Bathroom With White Suite● Enclosed Private Rear Garden● Double Glazing● Garage● Gas Central Heating
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PERTON £165,000

GLENEAGLES ROAD

Detached House● Three Bedrooms● Lounge● Dining Room● Kitchen● Gas Central Heating● Garage● Woodland Views To the Rear● No Upward Chain
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PERTON £159,000

AYRTON CLOSE

Three Bedroom Semi detached House● Lounge● Fitted Breakfast Kitchen● Conservatory● Shower Room W/C● Garage● Double Glazing
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PERTON £139,950

NEW

LIVINGSTONE AVENUE

Two Bedroom Modern Style Semi Detached House● Lounge● Dining Kitchen● Two Double Bedrooms● Gas Central Heating● Double Glazing● Garage● Cul De Sac Location●
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CODSALL £137,500

FLORENCE ROAD

Extended Two Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge/Sitting Room ●Dining Room ●Gas Central Heating ●Double Glazing ●Garage ●Cul De Sac Location ●Bathroom W.C ●Extensive Rear Garden
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PERTON £135,000

NEW

CANTERBURY DRIVE

Two Bedroom Semi Detached House ●Lounge & Dining Kitchen ●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating ●Bathroom With White Suite ●Driveway For Off Road Parking ●Front & Rear Gardens
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PERTON £133,000

SPENSER AVENUE

Three Bedroom Modern End Terraced House● Lounge/Diner● Modern Kitchen● Downstairs W/C● Refitted Bathroom With White Suite● Off Road Parking● Gas Central Heating● Double Glazing● NO UPWARD CHAIN
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TO LET

MOSELEY ROAD

●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three Bedroom Semi Detached●2 Reception Rooms●Utility Room●Rear Garden●Off Street Parking●Garage●Gas Central Heating System●Double Glazing ●DHSS Accepted With Guarantor●Available To View NOW.

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●A One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat ●Open Plan Kitchen/Living Room ●Gas Central Heating System ●Off Road Parking ●Close To Wednesfield Village ●Great Commuting Routes ●Available Now ●DSS Considered With Guarantor ●EPC Rating Grade is D●Reduced Deposit.

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TO LET

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●Immaculate Detached Bungalow ●Two Bedrooms ●Modern Kitchen ●Modern Utility Room ●Large Conservatory ●Off Street Parking ●Cul-De-Sac Location ●Sorry No DHSS.

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TO LET

STUBBY LANE

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●Three Bedroom Mid Terraced ●Two Reception Rooms ●Bathroom To The First Floor ●Good Sized Rear Garden ●Ample Off Street Parking

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TO LET

WADDENS BROOK LANE

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●Three Bedroom Semi Detached ●Extended & Renovated ●Downstairs WC ●Utility Room ●Ample Off Street Parking

£575 pcm WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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VICTORIA ROAD

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●Three Bedroom Mid Terraced ●Two Reception Rooms ●Modern Kitchen ●Modern Bathroom ●Good Sized Rear Garden ●DHSS Accepted With Guarantor

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TO LET

WOOD END ROAD

●Two Bedroom End Terraced ●Sun Room ●Modern Kitchen/Dining Room ●Enclosed Rear Garden ●Off Street Parking & Garage●Double Glazing●Central Heating● EPC Rating Grade is D.

£525 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

TO LET

HART ROAD

●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three Bedroom Mid Terraced ●Two Repcetion Rooms ●Recently Improved ●Bathroom Downstairs ●Rear Garden

£425 PCM WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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STRINGES LANE

●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three/Four Bedroom Detached ●Three Reception Rooms ●In Need Of Renovation ●First Floor Bathroom ●Downstairs WC ●Available With No Upward Chain

£110,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

FALLINGS PARK

DEYNCOURT ROAD

●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Four Bedroom Detached House ●Two Reception Rooms ●Kitchen●Seperate Utility Room●Downstairs Shower Room●Bathroom & Further Shower Room ●Master Bedroom With En-Suite Shower ●Single Garage ●No Chain.

£174,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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ROBIN GROVE

●EPC Rating Is Grade F ●Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow ●Corner Plot ●Off Street Parking & Garage ●Shower Room ●No Upward Chain

£150,000 OIRO WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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MILL LANE

●EPC Rating Grade is E●Three Bedroom Semi Detached House●Lounge/Dining Room●Downstairs WC●Conservatory●Modern Kitchen/Driveway●Detached Single Garage●Front & Rear Gardens●Double Glazed●Gas Central heating System●Available Now.

£135,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

THE OAKLANDS

DENMEAD DRIVE

●EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Extended Semi Detached ●Three Bedrooms ●Immaculate Throughout ●Off Street Parking ●Garage ●Corner Plot ● Viewing Is Essential

£145,000 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

GREAT WYRLEY

SHAWS LANE

●EPC Rate Grade is D●Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow●Conservatory●Single Garage●Useful Outbuilding●Rear Gardens●Off Road Parking●Double Glazed & Central Heating System●Modern Kitchen & Bathroom●No Upward Chain.

£139,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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HYDE ROAD

●Extended Three Bed Semi Detached●Recently Renovated●Corner Plot●Large Through Lounge●Dining Kitchen●Large Frontage With Driveway●Garage/Study●Gas Central heating System●Double Glazing●Low Maintenance Rear Garden ●No Upward Chain ●Viewing Is Essential

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LINTHOUSE LANE

●Three Bedroom Semi●Corner Plot● Beautiful Views●Lounge/Dining Room●Kitchen●Side Lobby With Front And Rear Access●Three Bedrooms And Bathroom●Front, Side And Rear Gardens●Off Street Parking●Garage Door Leading To Further Parking●Viewing Is Highly Recommended

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WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD WEST

●EPC Rating Is Grade C ●Modern Semi Detached ●Three Bedrooms ●Modern Kitchen/Dining Room ●Front, Side & Rear Gardens ●Off Street Parking x2 Spaces

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FALLINGS PARK

FAIRVIEW CRESCENT

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●Semi Detached ●Three Bedrooms ●Two Reception Rooms ●Sun Room ●Utility Room ●Rear Garden ●Parking ●Garage ●No Chain

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LAKESIDE CLOSE

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●End Terraced House ●Two Bedrooms ●Conservatory ●Modern Kitchen & Bathroom ●Parking ●Low Maintenance Rear Garden

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WRIGHT AVENUE

●EPC Rating Is Grade D ●Three Bedroom End Terraced Property ● Good Investment Potential●In Need of Some Updating●Corner Plot ● Double Glazing●Gas Central Heating System●Off Road Parking●Front/Rear & Side Gardens●NO UPWARD CHAIN

£99,950 WEDNESFIELD ✆01902 305665

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NOOSE LANE

●EPC Ratings Awaited ●Two Bedroom Semi Detached ●Recently Improved Throughout ●Modern Re-Fitted Kitchen ●Modern Re-Fitted Bathroom Suite ●Off Street Parking ●Good Sized Rear Garden ●No Upward Chain

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LINTHOUSE LANE

●Two Bedroom Semi Detached● ●Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room ●Front & Rear Gardens●Double Glazing ●Gas Central Heating●Convenient location●Access To Amenities●No Upward Chain●Reasonable Offers Considered●EPC Rating Grade is D.

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MOSELEY ROAD

●EPC Rating grade is D●Three Bedroom Semi Detached●Two Reception Rooms● Gated Driveway●Front & Rear Gardens●Triple Glazing to the Front●Double Glazing to the Rear●Gas Central Heating System●No Upward Chain.

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●EPC Rating Grade is C●18th Floor Two Bedroom Apartment●Communal Stairs/Lift, Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing●Allocated Parking Space●Patio Doors To Balocny With Fabulous Views●No Upward Chain●Cash Offers Only●Leasehold.

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LORD STREET

● EPC Rated G ● Annex Epc Rating To Follow ● Semi Detached Home ● Four Double Bedrooms ● Additional Two Bedroom Annexe ● Sitting Room ● Extended Lounge/ Dining Room / Kitchen ● Two bathrooms ● Garage And Car Port ● No upward chain

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WARSTONES ROAD

● EPC Rated D ● Traditional semi detached home ● Viewing recommended ● Two reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen ● Three bedrooms ● Family bathroom/wc ● Front and rear gardens ● Off road parking ● Side garage and covered side veranda.

£155,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NORFOLK ROAD

● Epc Rating To Follow ● Traditional Style Detached Home ● Entrance Hall ● Reception Room ● Kitchen/dining Room ● Downstairs Wc ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom/ wc ● To The Second Floor There Are Two Attic Rooms ● Externally There Is A Courtyard To The Rear And A Garage/

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COURT ROAD

● This is a traditional style detached family home situated within the Newbridge area of Wolverhampton. To the ground floor, the accommodation consists of an entrance hall, three reception rooms, a kitchen/breakfast room and a cloakroom/WC, whilst to the first floor there are three bed-

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PENDENE COURT, PENN ROAD

● Retirement Apartment ● Over Sixties Only ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge/Dining Room ● Fitted Kitchen ● Two Double Bedrooms ● Shower Room / WC ● Communal Lounge & Laundry.

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MAYFIELD ROAD

● Family Home ● Viewing Highly Recommended ● Fitted Kitchen ● Lounge / Dining Room ● Master Bedroom With En-Suite ● Two Further Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom / WC & Downstairs WC ● Study ● Off Road Parking & Gardens

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CORNWALL ROAD

● Epc Rated C ● Traditional Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Through Lounge ● Contemporary Style Kitchen Dining Room ● Downstairs Wc ● Upstairs Bathroom ● Three Bedrooms ● Delightful Front And Rear Gardens ● Some Decorative Improvement Desirable

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GOODYEAR AVENUE

● Epc Awaited ● Extended Semi-detached Home ● Beautifully Presented ● Viewing Essential ● Lounge With Feature Fireplace ● Stunning Contemporary Kitchen ● Four Double Bedrooms ● Contemporary Bathroom/ Shower Room/ Wc ● Off-road Parking ● Garden To The Rear.

£124,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

WOLVERHAMPTON

VICTORIA ROAD, BRADMORE

● Mid terrace house ● Three bedrooms ● Double glazing as stated ● Gas central heating ● Lounge ● Kitchen ● Bathroom ● Rear garden

£119,995 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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PHOENIX STREET

● EPC Rated D ● Traditional Style Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Through Lounge / Dining Room ● Good Sized Galley Kitchen ● Downstairs Shower Room / WC ● Upstairs Bathroom / WC ● Three Bedrooms ● Front And Rear Gardens ● Gas Fired Central Heating System

£109,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

MOUNT PLEASANT

● Epc Rated E ● Larger- Style Period Terrace ● Viewing Essential ● Two Reception Rooms ● Stylish Kitchen With Integral Appliances ● Four Piece Bathroom Suite ● Three Double Bedrooms ● Rear Garden ● Block Built Garage And Storage Shed To The Rear.

£100,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TETTENHALL

WEST LODGE

● EPC rating to follow ● Ground floor apartment ● Viewing highly recommended ● Beautifully presented ● Lounge/ dining room ● Fitted kitchen ● Two double bedrooms ● Contemporary style bathroom/ WC ● Garage in block ● Communal gardens and parking.

£99,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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ASTBURY CLOSE

● ECP Rating C ● Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Spacious Accommodation ● Lounge/Dining Room ● Breakfast Kitchen ● Guest WC ● Three Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Front and Rear Gardens.

£95,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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FRANCIS STREET

● Awaiting EPC ● Some improvement desirable ● Two reception rooms ● Extended kitchen dining room ● Three double bedrooms ● Upstairs bathroom/ WC ● Front courtyard and rear gardens ● No upward chain.

£90,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

MOUNT PLEASANT

● EPC Rating Is Grade E ● Two Bedroom Mid Terrace ● Two Reception Rooms ● Detached Garage To The Rear ● Double Glazing (Where Stated) ● Bathroom To The First Floor ● Small Frontage To The Property

£89,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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GUY AVENUE

● Epc Awaited ● Traditional Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge ●Kitchen/ Breakfast Room ● Conservatory/ Sunroom ● Family Bathroom ● Four Double Bedrooms ● Off Road Parking For Several Vehicles ● Rear Garden.

£89,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NORFOLK ROAD

● EPC rating grade D ● Traditional Terraced Home ● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom / Wc ● Two Bedrooms ● Rear Garden ● Double Glazing As Stated ● Gas Fired Central Heating System ● No Upward Chain

£83,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

BILSTON

LOWBRIDGE WALK

● EPC Rated C ● Beautiful First Floor Apartment ● Stylish Period Conversion ● Kitchen Diner With Integral Appliances ● Lounge ● Double Bedroom ● Contemporary Bathroom / WC ● Lovely Landscaped Communal Gardens ● Gas Fired Central Heating System ● Allocated Parking

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WOLVERHAMPTON

BRIGHT STREET

● Epc Awaited ●Traditional Terraced House ● Viewing Recommended ● Two Reception Rooms ● Fitted Kitchen ● Bathroom / Wc ● Three Bedrooms ● Front Courtyard And Rear Garden ● Double Glazing As Stated ● Gas Fired Central Heating System

£79,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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BICKFORD ROAD

● EPC RATING GRADE D ● Two Bedrooms ● Mid Mews Property ● Two Reception Rooms ● Loft Room ● Driveway ● Rear Garden

£75,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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SWINFORD ROAD

● Epc Rating Grade D ● Traditional Semi Detached ● In Need Of Some Improvement ● Two Reception Rooms ● Basic Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom / Wc ● Gardens To Front And Rear ● No Upward Chain

£70,000 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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CADLE ROAD

● EPC Rated D ● Traditional Semi Detached Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Lounge ● Modern Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Contemporary Style Bathroom / WC ● Gardens To Front And Rear ● Off Road Parking ● No Upward Chain

£69,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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NEWPORT STREET

● EPC Rated D ● Traditional Family Home ● Viewing Recommended ● Two Reception Rooms ● Contemporary Style Fitted Kitchen ● Ground Floor WC ● First Floor Bathroom/ WC ● Three Bedrooms ● Rear Garden ● No Upward Chain

£69,950 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

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HOBGATE ROAD

● Epc Awaited ● First Floor Duplex Apartment ● Lounge/ dining Room ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom And Seperate Wc ● Communal Off Road Parking ● No Upward Chain..

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TO LET

JULIET GROVE

● Modern Three Storey Family Home ● Four Bedrooms ● Modern Fitted Kitchen ● Downstairs W/c ● En-suite Master Bedroom ● Roof Terrace ● Off Road Parking ● Available Now.

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ALBION STREET

● Stunning Modern Two Bedroom Flat ● City centre location ● Modern fitted kitchen ● En-suite master bedroom ● Available now

£650 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

LYNTON AVENUE

● Traditional Detached Family Home ● Three Bedrooms ● Seperate Dining Room ● Downstairs W/c ● Garage ● Off Road Parking ● Gas Central Heating And Double Glazing ● No Dhss.

£650 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

LET AGREED

GAINFORD CLOSE

● Beautifully Presented Three Bedroom Semi Detached ● Viewing Essential ● Sitting Room ● Kitchen / Dining Room ● Driveway & Gardens ● Available Now!

£500 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

RUSKIN ROAD

● Three Bed Semi-detached Family Home ● Fitted Kitchen ● Upstairs Bathroom ● Off Road Parking ● Close To Local Schools And Amenities ● Available Now ● Dhss Considered

£495 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

TO LET

DEER WALK

● Mid Terrace Family Home ● Located Close To Shops And Schools ● Kitchen ● Lounge ● Downstairs Wc ● Three Good Sized Bedrooms ● Family Bathroom ● Off Road Parking To Rear ● Dss Accepted ● Available Now

£490 WOLVERHAMPTON ✆01902 771511

LET AGREED!

WESTON DRIVE

● Two Bedroomed Apartment ● Electric Heating ● Close To Town Centre ● Fitted Kitchen ● Secured Entrance ● Allocated Parking

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TO LET

WATERLOO ROAD

● Recently Refurbished Studio Flat ● City Centre Location ● Near To Local Shops And Amenities ● White Goods Included ● Parking space included ● Available Now

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- Two Kitchens
- Six Bedrooms
- Sought After Location

£415,000

Stafford Road
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Luxurious property
- Detached double garage
- Large rear garden
- Four double bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Must be viewed

£299,950

Rosewood Gardens
ESSINGTON

- Detached Family Home
- Extended
- Corner Plot
- No Chain!!
- Conservatory

£295,000

Turls Hill Road
COSELY

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
- THREE BEDROOMS
- KITCHEN
- LIVING ROOM
- DINING ROOM
- TWO BATHROOMS
- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT

£250,000

Hodnet Close
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Well presented property
- Breakfast/ Kitchen
- family detached home
- 4 Bedrooms
- Downstairs W.C.
- Living Room
- Viewing advised

£189,995

Trysull Road
WOLVERHAMPTON

- NO CHAIN
- IMMACULATE THROUGHOUT
- SPACIOUS LONGE
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- DINING ROOM
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C
- LARGE REAR GARDEN

£186,950

Clothier Street
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Detached family Home
- Modern Throughout
- No Chain!!
- Spacious
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

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Hyde Road
WEDNESFIELD

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- Lounge
- Three Bedrooms

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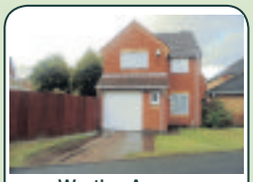
WEDNESFIELD

- Corner Plot
- No Chain!!
- Spacious Throughout
- Modern Kitchen
- Off Road Parking

£125,000



Wortley Avenue
WOLVERHAMPTON

- DETACHED
- Modern Throughout
- Spacious Lounge
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Three Bedrooms

£124,995

Brooklands Parade
MOSELEY

- Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£105,000

Third Avenue
WOLVERHAMPTON

- SPACIOUS THROUGHOUT
- LOUNGE
- DINING ROOM
- RE-FITTED MODERN KITCHEN
- THREE BEDROOMS
- NO CHAIN
- VIEWINGS ADVISED!!

£99,950

Bickford Road
WOLVERHAMPTON

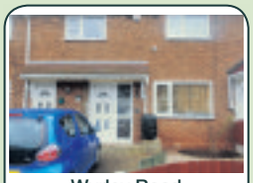
- Well Presented
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Viewing advised

£99,995

Thorneycroft Lane
FALLINGS PARK

- No Chain
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Popular Location
- Family Bathroom
- Viewings Advised

£98,000



Wyrley Road
WOLVERHAMPTON

- Mid Town House Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Sought After Location

£95,000

Woden Road
HEATH TOWN

- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Gas/Central Heating
- Three Bedrooms
- No Chain

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Hart Road
WEDNESFIELD

- Spacious
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Three Good Sized Bedrooms
- Bathroom

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Fisher Street
WOLVERHAMPTON

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- Well Presented
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms

£79,995

Newhampton Road West
WHITMORE REANS

- WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT
- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
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- FAMILY BATHROOM
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- VIEWINGS ADVISED!!

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Deans Road
WOLVERHAMPTON

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- Popular Location
- Garage
- SORRY NO DHSS

£625 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
FREDERICK ROAD

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£625 PCM

PENN
ROSNEATH CLOSE

- Three Bedrooms
- Modern House
- Semi
- Detatched
- Rear Garden
- SORRY NO DHSS

£595 PCM

WILLENHALL
CHILTERN DRIVE

- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Rear Garden
- SORRY NO PETS
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£550 PCM

PENDEFORD
TRANWELL CLOSE

- Two bedroomed Terraced Property
- Fitted kitchen
- Family bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Front & Rear Garden
- SORRY NO DHSS

£495 PCM

WHITMORE REANS
SWEETMAN STREET

- Three Bedrooms
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Rear Garden
- Near City Centre
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£470 PCM

WILLENHALL
THE PINNACLE

- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Secure
- Entrance
- FULLY FURNISHED
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

BUSHBURY
FIFTH AVENUE

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- Fitted Kitchen
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£450 PCM

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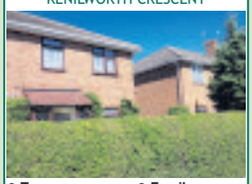


- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious Bedrooms
- Rear Garden
- Family Bathroom
- SORRY NO DHSS

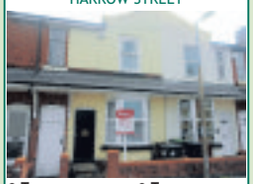
£450 PCM

PENDEFORD
PAGHAM CLOSE

- Two Bedrooms
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Kitchen With Appliances
- Private Rear Garden
- SORRY NO DHSS

£450 PCM

EAST PARK
HARROW STREET



- Two Bedrooms
- Great Condition
- Rear Garden
- Two Reception Rooms
- SORRY NO DHSS

£430 PCM

WILLENHALL
THE PINNACLE

- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Two Bathrooms
- Fitted Kitchen with Appliances
- SORRY NO DHSS

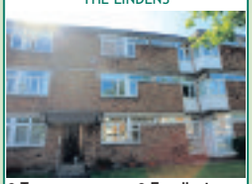
£425 PCM

WOLVERHAMPTON
HILTON STREET

- Three Bedrooms
- Cloak Room
- Large Rear Garden
- Near To City Centre
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£425 PCM

NEWBRIDGE
THE LINDENS



- Two Bedrooms
- Garage
- Electric Heating
- Excellent Condition
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£415 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
GRIFFITHS DRIVE

- One Bedroom Flat
- Ground Floor
- Communal Garden
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£400 PCM

WEDNESFIELD
PARKER ROAD

- One Bedroom
- Newly Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Popular Location
- Rear Garden
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£395 PCM

ASHMORE PARK
DRUMMOND CLOSE

- Studio
- Immaculate Condition
- Popular Location
- Double Glazing
- DHSS ACCEPTED

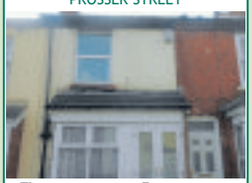
£375 PCM

ESSINGTON
HILL STREET

- Three Bedroom Flat
- First Floor
- Spacious
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£375 PCM

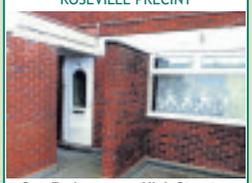
WEDNESFIELD
PROSSER STREET



- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Reception Rooms
- Rear Garden
- DHSS ACCEPTED

£375 PCM

BILSTON
ROSEVILLE PRECINT



- One Bedroon
- First Floor Flat
- Walking Distance To High Street
- Shower Room
- DHSS ACCEPTED

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This splendid home benefits from 3 bedrooms, 2 large reception rooms, utility and conservatory, UPVC DG and CH, an 'office area or hobby room' and a large garage with electric door and useful mezzanine floor area. Landscaped open frontage with plenty of parking. To the rear is a well-kept and well stocked, private South facing garden with lawns plus patio. Viewing is recommended. (EPC 51 = E)

FINCHFIELD £299,950

FARM ROAD

A rare opportunity to acquire a most impressive bungalow residence in this highly sought after location. Well presented and spacious. Modernised to a high standard throughout. Benefits from UPVC DG plus rad CH (both where specified). 2 spacious bedrooms, conservatory, breakfast kitchen, guest WC, garage & generous gardens. Viewing is most highly recommended. (EPC 66 = D)

LOWER PENN £279,000

SPRINGHILL LANE

A deceptive, spacious, semi-detached barn conversion in a semi rural location in the popular south Staffordshire village of Lower Penn, south west of W-ton. With a large living room, fitted kitchen, utility, 4 beds, family bathroom, guest cloaks, store, en-suite and further facilities. Viewing is most highly recommended. No chain. (EPC 60 = D)

WILLENHALL £224,950

FIBBERSLEY

impressive extended detached residence, conveniently situated for surrounding road networks and amenities. 3 bedrooms, 2 reception rooms, conservatory, guests WC, modern Bathroom plus large Kitchen with an AGA. CH and DG (both where specified), large garage complex, driveway plus large rear garden. No upwards chain, viewing is highly recommended. (EPC 35 = F)

FEATHERSTONE £199,950

BROOK HOUSE LANE

A spacious 4 bedroom detached Residence with two reception rooms, utility, wc, en-suite, Large Conservatory, DG and Rad CH. It is conveniently situated North of W-ton for motorway networks and the i54 development. Offered with no upwards chain, viewing is highly recommended. (EPC 64 = D)

COVEN HEATH £175,000

BALL LANE

A three bedroom detached residence of character (but in need of refurbishment) within spacious grounds in the semi-rural location of Coven Heath, just North of W-ton and convenient for the A449, M54 and i54 development. This interesting property is offered with no upwards chain and should be viewed for full appreciation of the potential. (EPC 1 = G)

PENNFIELDS £165,000

CEDAR GROVE

A traditional three bedroom detached residence of character. Situated South of the City and convenient for a wide range of local amenities. Offered with no upwards chain the property would benefit from some updating but does offer CH and DG, both where specified. A driveway, charming gardens and offers great potential. (EPC 40 = E)

FORDHOUSES £149,999

THE HOLMES

A most splendid modernised semi-detached property. Offering comfortable accommodation with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, extended kitchen, guests WC, and with UPVC D.G. & Radiator C.H. garage, driveway and gardens. Situated to the North of Wolverhampton and convenient for the city/M54 and i54. Viewing is highly recommended. (EPC 71 = C)

WEDNESFIELD £137,950

SOBERTON CLOSE

Outstanding property, extensively extended, exceptional decorative order. Spacious Living Room. Conservatory. Breakfast Kitchen (integrated units). 3 generous Bedrooms (built in units). Luxury Bathroom with Jacuzzi. Private landscaped gardens. 2 car parking. EPC 65 = D

OXLEY £132,500

STAFFORD ROAD

A modern detached bungalow within a private cul-de-sac, off the 'beaten track' yet on the doorstep of amenities and convenient for the city centre, M54 plus i54 development. This two bedroom property enjoys a charming setting and is offered with no upwards chain, landscaped gardens, breakfast kitchen plus dining room. Viewing is certainly recommended. (EPC 63 = D)

BILSTON £129,950

REGENT STREET

A great well established Bilston location! Side road location, yet with Metro and buses almost on doorstep! Close to Villiers School. Good sized Three bedroomed Semi with spacious hall, through lounge and dining, kitchen (needs work), restyled upstairs bathroom, Garage. Gas C/Heating and D/ Glazing.

(EPC 56 = D)

WEDNESFIELD £129,950

DENMEAD DRIVE

A well presented 3 bedroom semi detached house within this popular location of Wednesfield, convenient for amenities, schools, bus routes, Wednesfield, New Cross Hospital, Bentley Bridge and Wolverhampton are all within a short drive away. Redecorated and with a modern bathroom, DG, CH and a garage. There is no upwards chain. Viewing is recommended. EPC 69 = C

WILLENHALL £125,000

OAK ROAD

An ideal opportunity! A detached modern (1959) Bungalow on a corner plot now ready for upgrading. Porch, wide hallway, Two Bedrooms, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Bathroom with separate detached Garage. Gas C/heating and D/Glazing. No onward chain. (EPC 33 = F)

BILSTON £125,000

SPRINGFIELD ROAD

An excellent improvement project! Such a good location within the well-regarded Mountford Estate within 0.25 mile of both Villiers Primary and Moseley Park Schools. Great family accommodation now in need of sympathetic improvement, but very realistically priced! Three Bedrooms, Two Receptions and side Garage. Double Glazed. (EPC 37 = F)

COSELEY £120,000

KEATS DRIVE

A great family home, ripe for upgrading, on popular 'Poets Corner' spot. Close to station and link roads. Head of cul-de-sac with family sized accomm to include Hall, Through Lounge/ Dining, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Wet room and brick Garage. Gas c/ heating and D/glazing. No chain. (EPC 55 = D)

WEDNESFIELD £118,995

CANNOCK ROAD

A splendid semi detached home, well presented throughout. In brief, comprising extended accommodation to include: Living room, kitchen, side veranda, three first floor bedrooms and a refitted bathroom. Plus a ground floor annex of a fourth bedroom and wet room. With D.G. and Rad C.H. plus landscaped gardens. (EPC 66 = D)

WOLVERHAMPTON £116,950

UNDERHILL LANE

A good example of a 4 bedroom family home. North of Wolverhampton and convenient for an extensive range of areas and amenities, schools and shops. Well presented and modernised throughout including majority UPVC DG and rad CH (both where specified). Pleasant rear garden and ample front block paved driveway. (EPC 64 = D)

BILSTON £107,500

BRADLEY LANE

This bungalow is a stunner! 400m to Metro and local store within 100m! Lovingly maintained semi detached on this established and popular roadway. Double glazed and gas central heating (new boiler 2013). Hall, Two bedrooms, lovely lounge , fitted kitchen, Bath/wc with new double shower, Utility and superb gardens. Inspection is a must! (EPC 66 = D)

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TAKING AWAY THE PUNCH BOWL?

In October 2012 we wrote about the new-fangled Funding for Lending Scheme which allowed Banks to access cheap money in return for increasing the availability of mortgage funding for house purchases. For an economy that had become addicted to cheap credit in the run up to the financial crisis this hair of the dog remedy raised a few eye brows. Fast forward to the beginning of 2014 and it appears that the Bank of England has decided that a period of sobriety is called for to prevent another housing market binge. The FLS housing spigot was quietly turned off in December with resources being refocused on lending to business. From April Lenders come under stricter Regulation which will see them have to verify borrowers' incomes, undertake an affordability assessment (including stress testing against interest rate hikes) and restrict interest only mortgages to those who have a credible strategy to repay capital. Those who were looking forward to partying on the back of higher house prices will have to think again.

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PENN £299,995

OSBORNE ROAD
South West of the City - An extensive detached family residence with spacious, extended, well-kept accommodation that includes four reception rooms, shower room, four bedrooms, bathroom, garage, landscaped gardens and benefits from Rad CH plus UPVC DG. This desirable home should be viewed for full appreciation of its size appointment and location. EPC 53 = E

CODSALL £249,000

KEEPERS LANE
Ideally situated in this desirable semi-rural location, south of Codsall and West of Tettenhall. This two bedroom, two reception detached bungalow offers great appeal and potential. With no upwards chain and OFFERS INVITED FOR CONSIDERATION, viewing is recommended. EPC 54 = E

SHARESHILL £245,000

ST MARYS CLOSE
Set within a semi-rural village and ideal for the M6 & M54. This immaculately presented individual detached Dorma-Bungalow offers modern and comfortable 2/3 bed accommodation over two floors also with shower room and a bathroom, UPVC DG, Radiator CH, Garage, landscaped gardens and much more. Viewing is certainly recommended. EPC = TBC

MOSELEY VILLAGE £229,950

OLD STOWHEATH LANE
A stunning detached modern Bungalow (built 2008) with up to 4 Bedrooms! Two bathrooms and fitted kitchen and dining area. 22ft conservatory. Secure private location with private drive and security gate. So convenient for access to Wolverhampton, Willenhall and Bilston. Multiple parking and very private garden. Inspection a must. (EPC 73 = C)

FINCHFIELD £199,950

THE SPINNEY
A well-presented and appointed detached residence with extended accommodation that includes, 2 reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms and modern bathroom, all with DG & Rad CH. Plus a garage, Block paved driveway and pleasant garden. Set within this desirable area, viewing is highly recommended. (EPC 64 = D)

PENN £189,000

ELM DALE
Traditional 3 bedroom detached residence is situated within the popular area with a wide range of amenities nearby. The well proportioned accommodation benefits from UPVC DG and radiator CH (where specified), 2 reception rooms, has a side driveway, garage and long rear garden. No upwards chain, viewing is most highly recommended. OFFERS INVITED FOR CONSIDERATION! (EPC 54 = E)

WEDNESFIELD £164,950

DEYNCOURT ROAD
A super upgrade project with loads of potential! Double-fronted detached on generous corner plot with double glazing and central heating. Hall, cloaks/WC, Lounge, Dining Room, B'fast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and box room. Gated drive and garage (disrepair). Can you make this your dream home? NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC 46=C

FEATHERSTONE £159,000

CAMPION DRIVE
A splendid modern detached, presented and fitted to a good standard throughout. Set in a cul-de-sac the three bed accommodation has full UPVC DG, rad CH, driveway, landscaped garden and hot tub! Offered with no upwards chain, OFFERS ARE INVITED IN EXCESS OF £159,000. (EPC 68 = D)

MOSELEY VILLAGE £144,950

OLD STOWHEATH LANE
A beautifully appointed traditional style family Semi built in the early 1900s and subsequently much improved. Renewed roof, wiring etc. Hall, Two Receptions, Kitchen/Diner, Laundry and WC, Three Bedrooms inc En-suite Master, Trad Bathroom, Side parking/room for expansion. Great access to city and motorway. EPC 56=D

WEDNESFIELD £139,999

LINTHOUSE LANE
A recently refurbished and modernised semi-detached bungalow within this popular area and extremely convenient for local amenities. Internally the two bedroom accommodation is immaculately presented and benefits from New DG and CH a 'wet room', new kitchen, gardens and driveway. There is no upwards chain. (EPC 70 = C)

WILLENHALL £139,950

KEWSTOKE ROAD
Spacious, well situated, modern freehold semi-det on this popular Sneyd Park development off Essington Road. Corner location with wide frontage, brick garage and add. parking located to the side/rear. Includes hall, through Lounge/ Dining room, Kitchen and 3 Bedrooms. It has gas CH. It has been well maintained but offers an excellent opportunity for upgrading to individual specification. (EPC 53 = E)

PENNFIELDS £130,000

HOLLY GROVE
This link detached 2 bedroom bungalow is offered with no upwards chain. The property would now benefit in parts from some re-modernisation but does benefit from radiator CH and DG (where specified), has a garage, driveway and gardens and offers spacious accommodation. With offers invited, viewing is recommended for full appreciation. (EPC 54 = F)

WOLVERHAMPTON £118,000

GOLDTHORN ROAD
Recently refurbished and modernised, this charming Victorian terraced home is conveniently situated for a wide range of amenities. The property benefits from 3 bedrooms, 2 receptions, refitted kitchen and bathroom, radiator CH and new UPVC DG. Well presented throughout, viewing is most highly recommended. (EPC 58 = D)

BRADMORE £115,000

VICTORIA ROAD
Situated in this popular area, south of the City and convenient for many amenities. This well presented two bed traditional end terrace benefits from CH and part DG plus gardens and is surely ideal for both investor landlords and FTBs alike. There is no upwards chain. EPC 57 = D

FORDHOUSES £111,950

GROVELANDS CRESCENT
A great opportunity to create your dream home! Huge potential in this modern style semi in this well-regarded and convenient location. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/diner, Two good bedrooms, bathroom. Gardens with drive and Garage. Central heating new in 2006. Loft and cavity insulation. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC 70=C

BILSTON £110,000

BRADLEY LANE
A brilliant extended family sized semi fronting this popular established road with great access to Metro, Bilston and road network. Porch, Hall, Two Living Rooms Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Set back Garage and Drive. Gas C/Heating and D/ Glazing. NO ONWARD CHAIN! (EPC 56 = D)

EAST PARK £109,000

THORNTON ROAD
A charming mid terraced home, well-presented and offering deceptively spacious accommodation to include; 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, useful veranda/utility/store. Pleasant gardens and DG plus Rad CH (both where specified). Popular and convenient location – viewing is recommended. (EPC 66 = D)

BILSTON £107,950

BUNKERS HILL LANE
A truly immaculate traditional semi to appeal to the discerning! Lovingly restored over many years. Porch, Hall, 2 Reception, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms and restyled Bathroom. Add in a larger than average garden and it's perfect for family use. Gas C/H and D/G.Close to Bilston and Metro links, leisure centre and Villiers. See it soon! (EPC 52 = E)

DEANSFIELD £100,000

HILLSIDE GARDENS
A 3 bedroom semi-detached of potential. Situated to the East of the city thus convenient for New Cross, Bentley Bridge, and much more in the way of amenities plus leisure. The property has a driveway, lawns, UPVC DG & Rad CH (both where specified) and is offered with no upwards chain. (EPC 59=D)

ASHMORE PARK £94,950

RYAN AVENUE
Of interest to both FTBs and investor landlords alike? This 3 bedroom semi is offered with no upwards chain. The property would benefit from some cosmetic refurbishment, it does benefit from DG & CH (both where specified) has a refitted bathroom, lawn gardens and a driveway. Offers invited for consideration – viewing is recommended. (EPC 58 = D)

WILLENHALL £90,000

MILLICHIP ROAD
Modernised 3 bedroom family home located in cul de sac close to Keyway enjoying good access to all amenities. Including hallway, guest WC, through lounge and fitted breakfast kitchen. Gas CH and DG. Off road parking and well screened garden. No onward chain. (EPC 44 = E)

BLAKENHALL £79,950

MASON STREET
A traditional 2 bedroom terraced home within this vibrant area of 'Dudley Road', just south of the city centre. The property is offered with no upwards chain, has a rear garden plus Rad CH & DG (both where specified). Viewing is recommended as offers are invited for consideration. (EPC 61=D)

WEDNESFIELD £73,950

HART ROAD
A traditional three bedroom just outside the 'High Street' area of Wednesfield. Thus ideal for shops, amenities and schools. Surely ideal for first time buyers and landlords alike? The property enjoys access to good road networks leading to Bentley Bridge, New Cross, Wolverhampton, Willenhall and beyond. With No Upwards Chain and Offers invited for consideration - viewing is recommended. EPC 61=D

PENN £58,495

GROSVENOR PARK
Ground floor apartment. Part of impressive development for over 55yrs of age. Close all amenities. Heating. Double glazing. Careline. Good size living Room. Kitchen. Double Bedroom. Bathroom. Well kept communal areas and gardens. OFFERS INVITED. (EPC 74 = C)

TETTENHALL RENT £825pcm*

WOODCOTE ROAD
- 4 bed detached
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Close to Tettenhall village
- Conservatory
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- EPC 68 = D

PENDEFORD Rent £750pcm*

LEYBOURNE CRESCENT
- 4 Bedroom Detached House
- Gas CH
- Double Glazing
- Garage
- Conservatory
- Unfurnished
- EPC 63 = D

NEWBRIDGE RENT £695pcm*

ST JUDES ROAD
- Refurbished 3 bed semi
- Garage
- 2 reception rooms
- 3 good sized bedrooms
- Gas CH
- Double glazing
- EPC 62 = D

ALBRIGHTON Rent £600pcm*

PARK FARM BUILDINGS
- 1 bed newly converted barn conversion
- Rural location
- Spectacular views
- Neutrally decorated
- Private garden
- Parking for 2 vehicles
- EPC 43 = E

OXLEY RENT £595pcm*

OXLEY AVENUE
- 3 bed semi-detached house
- Newly refurbished
- Garage
- Double glazing
- Central heating
- EPC 51 = E

STOWLAWN RENT £550pcm*

SCHOOL GREEN
- Refurbished
- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Shower room
- Double glazing
- Central heating
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- EPC 62 = D

WEDNESFIELD Rent £495pcm*

SMALLSHIRE CLOSE
- Two Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- Fitted Kitchen
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Ground Floor

(EPC 76 = C)

WOLVERHAMPTON RENT £475pcm*

STOWHEATH LANE
- Mid Terrace
- Two Bedrooms
- Gas CH
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Unfurnished
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC 62 = D

MERRIDALE RENT £450pcm*

MERRIDALE COURT
- 2 bedroom ground floor flat
- Private entrance and parking space
- Built in wardrobes
- Close to all local amenities
- Separate shower room
- EPC 67 = D

PARK VILLAGE RENT £450pcm*

NINE ELMS LANE
- 2 bedroom maisonette
- Electric storage heating
- Double glazed
- Nice outlook
- EPC = TBC

BRADLEY RENT £425pcm*

AMBLESIDE CLOSE
- Refurbished
- 1 bedroom end terrace townhouse
- Living room with feature fireplace
- Kitchen with white goods
- Electric storage heating
- Rent £425 pcm
- EPC 63=D

MERRY HILL RENT £395pcm*

STRATHFIELD WALK
- One bedroom ground floor flat
- Gas central heating
- Newly fitted kitchen
- Good sized living room
- Nice outlook
- EPC 62= D

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Renton Road
NEW

OXLEY £120,000

A well presented, three bedroom mid terrace house close to bus route to city centre. The accommodation brief comprising through lounge, refitted kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, modern bathroom with separate shower cubical, gas central heating, Upvc double glazing windows and gas central heating, driveway to fore and enclosed rear garden....
Awaiting EPC

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Massbrook Road
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BUSHBURY £49,950

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SOLD

BUSHBURY £80,000

A two bedroom terraced house located a short distance from the A449 Stafford Road. The house benefits from gas fired central heating and Double glazed windows .comprises:- A modern fitted kitchen, two good sized living rooms and two bedrooms on the first floor....
EPC Grade = E

Wolverhampton

Laburnum Road
NEW

STOW HEATH £122,000

A three bedroom extended semi detached property in a quiet cul-de-sac location ,within walk distance to local amenities and bus routes to city centre, The property in brief comprises of: Entrance hallway, lounge/dining room, kitchen and cloakroom. To the first floor three bedrooms and a bathroom with shower.
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Lymer Road
New Price

BUSHBURY £135,000

Traditional style semi-detached home situated in a popular cul-de-sac location with good local amenities nearby and being well situated for the I-54 business development and motorway links.The property briefly comprises gated block paved driveway, gas central heated, upvc double glazing, hallway, lounge, sitting room, breakfast kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom and a rear garden. EPC Grade = E

Wolverhampton

Beach Avenue
New Price

BILSTON £130,000

This is a great sized family home situated in a good residential location close to the Birmingham New Road, local schools and amenities. The property briefly comprises lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room to the ground floor and three bedrooms and family bathroom/wc to the first floor. Outside there is a private rear garden and ample off road parking to the front. CALL NOW TO ARRANGE A VIEWING. EPC Grade = D

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Saredon Court
New Price

SLADE HEATH £750,000

Reeds Rains are delighted to present this Detached Barn conversion. The Property comprises Lounge, separate Dining Room, re-fitted modern breakfast Kitchen, conservatory, downstairs wc, office and to the first floor master bedroom with en suite bath/shower room, two further bedrooms with family bath/shower room, outside has access to separate annexe which comprises of living/bedroom with refitted kitchen and shower room. The extensive rear garden has summer house and jacuzzi, shaped lawn and beautiful views EPC Grade = D

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Dunoon Drive
New Price

LANESFIELD £95,000

This well apportioned modern apartment is situated on the second floor and comprises two bedrooms, open plan living space and fitted kitchen, family bathroom with shower and w/c. Outside there is communal areas with lawn area and allocated parking. Great first time buyer purchase. Ideal location for the Birmingham New Road for both Wolverhampton , Merry Hill Centre and Birmingham.
EPC Grade = C

Wolverhampton

Bruford Road
NEW

Wolverhampton £110,000

A MODERN TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW SITUATED IN A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY" the bungalow is situated close to local amenties and bus routes to city centre.Briefly comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and a family bathroom. This property also benefits from having a driveway to both front & side. large L-shaped garden to rear. EPC Grade = C

Wolverhampton

Banstead
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £95,000

Mid terraced house situated in Parkfields close to walking distance to local amenities and bus routes to city centre. This property briefly comprises of a lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and gardens to the front and rear. Additional features include both double glazing and central heating.

Wolverhampton

Cromwell Road
NEW

WOLVERHAMPTON £130,000

Three Bedroom semi detached House Located In Bushbury within walking distance to bus routes to city centre and local amenities. The Accommodation Comprises, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/diner, sun room, large veranda, generous utility area, Three Bedrooms And fitted Bathroom, ample off road parking to front, pleasant rear garden. The Property Benefits From Gas Central Heating and Uovc Double Glazing.

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Purcell Road
NEW

BUSHBURY £76,950

A well presented and modern two bedroom top floor apartment being sold with the benefit of NO UPWARD CHAIN, close to bus routes to city centre, the accommodation brief comprising of entrance hall, lounge/kitchen,bathroom, two bedrooms, storage heaters and PVC double glazing with Juliet balcony.
EPC Grade = C

Wolverhampton

Bridgewater Drive
NEW

BILSTON £184,995

A generously proportioned and four bedroom detached property situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location just a few minutes walk to Coseley. Having been extended and enhanced by the current owners, this property offers flexible living space with accommodation to comprise of; hallway, lounge, breakfast kitchen with integrated appliances and open plan style to dining room, utility room, guest w.c and garage. FOUR bedrooms, family bathroom on the first floor. The property also benefits from gas central heating, Upvc double glazing, a driveway with parking and well maintained low maintenance rear garden with views over the canal. Viewing is highly recommended. NO UPWARD CHAIN

Wolverhampton

Showell Road
NEW

BUSHBURY £85,000

NO UPWARD CHAIN Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property Situated In Low Hill, Bushbury. With Two Separate Receptions Rooms And A Kitchen To The Ground Floor, There Are Two Bedrooms And A Bathroom On The First Floor. With A Yard Area To The Front And Garden To The Rear.

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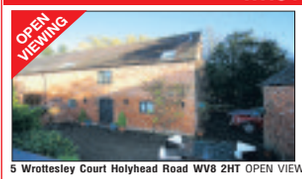

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OFFERS AROUND £415,000

CODSALL

• Unique detached cottage in prominent location adjoining fields on fringe of village with pleasant aspects and wooded views to front and rear • Quaint accommodation of individual character, attractively appointed with comfortable modern specification • Sitting Room with period-style feature fireplace • Bay-fronted Dining Room • Stylishly fitted Kitchen • Fitted Cloakroom and Utility / Laundry including shower cubicle • Four Bedrooms • Superb Bathroom with very effective blend of period and contemporary styles • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Double-width Garage block providing single car compartment with remainder as Office / Playroom / Gym • Generous additional parking facilities • Pleasant gardens with good degree of privacy. (EPC:E)

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PENN

• Particularly spacious traditional-style detached residence on generous plot at end of cul-de-sac within much favoured locality • Extended accommodation, well suited to comfortable family occupation with impressively proportioned layout and excellent standard of appointment • Three Living Rooms • Superb 20ft Kitchen with fine range of fittings and incorporating conservatory-style informal Dining Area • Side Verandah with Laundry facility • Four Bedrooms (largest with extensive fitted furniture) • Bathroom and separate Toilet • Gas-fired central heating • Majority double glazing • Garage and driveway parking • Delightfully landscaped rear garden with good degree of privacy and southerly

OFFERS AROUND £299,950

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• Attractive cottage-style detached residence in very popular neighbourhood within the city's much favoured south-western suburbs • Enlarged accommodation of traditional character, generally well appointed while offering scope for some upgrading to realise full potential • Two Living Rooms, each with feature fireplace • Impressive Conservatory (approx. 20' x 10') • Breakfast Kitchen with good range of fittings and appliances • Three Bedrooms • Spacious Bathroom featuring both bath and shower • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Large Garage including fitted Cloakroom • Extensive forecourt parking facilities • 70ft south-facing garden. (EPC:E)

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• Excellent traditional-style semi nicely positioned at end of select small cul-de-sac in much favoured neighbourhood particularly well served by local amenities • Impressively enlarged accommodation, attractively presented and appointed to high standard, ideal for young modern family living • Fitted Cloakroom off Hall • Bay-fronted Dining Room • Lounge with marble fireplace • Spacious Kitchen with splendid range of fittings and appliances • Three well proportioned Bedrooms • Elegant Bathroom featuring both bath and separate shower cubicle • Gas-fired central heating • Double glazed windows • Garage plus forecourt parking facilities • Widening plot provides superb rear garden with lovely features and southerly aspect. (EPC:D)

OFFERS AROUND £209,950

FINCHFIELD

• Very attractive traditional-style semi enjoying particularly pleasant setting in mature neighbourhood of considerable popularity • Upgraded specification provides well proportioned accommodation with good standard of appointment • Fitted Cloaks / Shower Room off Hall • Two Reception Rooms • Kitchen with adjoining Utility Lobby • Three good-sized Bedrooms • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Upvc-framed double glazed windows • Forecourt parking facilities • South-facing rear garden including Store / Workshop. (EPC:TBC)

OFFERS AROUND £184,950

BILBROOK

• Cottage-style semi of considerable potential, located on the village outskirts, opposite Village Hall and playing fields • Basic accommodation with dated specification offering scope for scheme of modernisation and upgrading • Two Living Rooms • Side Porch with WC off • Verandah Kitchen • Two Bedrooms (one with extensive fitted wardrobes) • Bathroom including shower • Gas-fired central heating • Partial double glazing • 21ft Garage plus driveway parking • South-facing rear garden. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £117,500

TETTENHALL

• First floor apartment in exclusive small retirement development enjoying excellent setting in prime locality with the wide selection of amenities at Upper Green conveniently close by • Comfortably proportioned accommodation of compact layout designed for easy maintenance • Living Room with feature fireplace • Well appointed Kitchen including integrated appliances • Main Bedroom with fitted wardrobes • Second Bedroom / Dining Room • Bathroom including shower • Electric storage / radiator heating • Double glazed windows • Allocated parking space • Leasehold. Ground rent and service charge payable • Minimum age requirement 55 years. (EPC:E)

OFFERS AROUND £109,950

PENN FIELDS

• Surprisingly spacious terraced villa residence conveniently located in well established neighbourhood with good local amenities and particularly easy access into city centre • Nicely presented accommodation, interestingly individual in layout and very comfortably appointed • Internal inspection essential • Porch and Hall • Fitted Cloakroom • Two main Living Rooms, each with marble fireplace • Additional Breakfast Room • Smart modern Kitchen • Fully tiled Bathroom featuring both corner bath and separate shower cubicle • Three Bedrooms • Gas-fired central heating • Upvc-framed double glazed windows • Enclosed rear courtyard garden. (EPC:D)

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Offers in the region of £160,000

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Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this extended four bedroom semi-detached property within the city centre well established area with good local amenities. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, reception, kitchen, four bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. The property benifits from double glazing and gas central heating and a garage at rear.

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81 Jeffcock Road, Penn, Wolverhampton WV3 7AG

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this three bedroom extended detached property located within popular Penn area. The property has Two Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Utility Room, Downstairs WC, Family Bathroom, Loft Conversion ideal for Study/Dressing Room. The property is double glazed and has Gas Central Heating System.

Offers in the region of £164,000

117 Dudley Road, Wolverhampton WV2 3DE

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this three bedroom mid terraced property. The property recently decorated throughout benefits from double glazed throughout, newly fitted boiler, gas fired central heating system, lounge and dining room, kitchen, downstairs family bathroom and 3 good sized bedrooms. The property is ideally located for an extensive wealth of local amenities including parks, shops, bus routes and more, plus convenient for access to the City Centre.

£475 pcm

35 Carter Road, Wolverhampton WV6 0PF

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this, recently refurbished, three bedroom spacious property situated in the Whitmore Reans area of Wolverhampton with good local amenities. Being sold with tenants in situ the property compromises the following, two spacious reception rooms, fitted kitchen, fitted family bathroom on the ground floor, upstairs the property has two double sized bedrooms and one single bedroom. The property is double glazed throughout and has gas central heating system.

Offers in the region of £79,950

40 Carter Road, Wolverhampton WV6 0PQ

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Offers in the region of £79,950

39 Reansway Square, Wolverhampton WV6 0EY

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£475 pcm

23 Bowdler Road, Wolverhampton WV2 1EP

Braitch Estate Agents are pleased to offer this three bedroom semi-detached property within a well established area with good local amenities and particular easy access into city centre. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom. The property benifits from double glazing and gas central heating.
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Sports model to be unveiled at US show

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The RC F is equipped with a new 5.0-litre V8 engine with a maximum output set to be well above 450bhp. Its status as the most powerful V8 road-going car Lexus has yet built is reflected in styling optimised for stability at high speeds, including wider wheels and tyres, an active rear wing, air scoops, cooling ducts and carbon-fibre components.

Each element delivers what Lexus calls 'functional beauty' to the overall design.

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"The form of each component is carefully designed to contribute to performance," said Yukihiko Yaguchi, RC F chief engineer.

"Unique air outlets in the bonnet and rear section of the front wings contribute to optimum engine cooling and handling stability.

"They create a powerful look that immediately conveys the expectation of a dynamic driving experience."

The signature Lexus spindle grille dominates the front of the RC F, with a single F mesh section that extends all the way from the bonnet line to the lower lip.

The bonnet is set higher than on the RC, helping create a powerful, flared profile true to the ethos of Lexus's F models.

Ducts beneath the front bumper and wings, and strategically placed aerodynamic stabilising fins create a stance that further broadcasts the model's Lexus F pedigree. Outlets to the rear of the front wings form an L shape where they merge with the side sill extensions. The car's powerful character is also expressed in stacked, trapezoidal quad-outlet tailpipes.

The RC F displays design cues taken from the LFA supercar. An active rear wing automatically deploys at 80km/h (50mph) and retracts when speed falls below 40km/h (25mph), preserving the coupe's svelte lines at standstill.

Three variations of a 10-spoke, 19in forged aluminium wheel design will be available, according to grade, including a set hand-polished by craftsmen.

Inside, the instrument panel is dominated by a central dial, which automatically adapts in line with the coupe's four different driving modes. In each case different information colour and text size are displayed.

To help ensure comfort, Lexus produced a new steering wheel design, with an elliptical cross-section, a thick grip and optimum location of shift paddles.

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Iconic model will return in summer

IT seems like only yesterday when the last WRX STI was sold in the UK amid an outcry of sentiment on the sad loss of this iconic model. Less than a year on, Subaru UK says the new WRX STI is coming to these shores in summer.

The good news for performance car fans around the country is that as a result of recent movements in exchange rates, the new model will be priced at a competitive £28,995 when it hits showrooms in May, £4,000 cheaper than its predecessor.

Unveiled at the Detroit motor show this week the new WRX STI is based on the WRX saloon car launched at the LA show in November, but with some significant enhancements.

During development, Subaru honed the driveability of the new WRX STI to perfection, testing it under a wide variety of conditions around the world. As with past generations of the model, extensive testing also took place on Germany's Nürburgring circuit to ensure the WRX STI is the pinnacle of Subaru AWD sports performance.

At its heart is a 2.5 litre turbo-charged Subaru Boxer four-pot engine, which in STI guise, produces 305hp and 290lb/ft of torque. The six-speed gearbox has been reinforced and now adopts even shorter throw and slicker, sportier shift feel.

Shoulder

Subaru's trademark Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive employs the latest vehicle dynamics control (VDC) and Active Torque Vectoring for maximum control and driver engagement. Spring and damper rates have been meticulously re-tuned to provide a more compliant ride while retaining body composure, and the electronic power steering is now mounted on a more rigid steering gearbox mount for improved fuel efficiency and more 'direct' feel and response.

An increase in wheelbase of 25mm gives the new WRX STI greater rear leg room as well as more shoulder and elbow room inside the cabin, without increasing the exterior dimensions. By moving the bottom of the A-pillars forward by 200mm and adding a quarter light to the front window, drivers have better visibility all round. Boot space is increased and ingress and egress are improved with larger door apertures.

A lot of work has also gone into improving the perceived quality of the WRX STI interior. For the new model, highlights include a new D-shaped steering wheel of smaller diameter and designed to give the driver maximum feel. Soft touch materials are used in key areas while new dials and carbon effect and metal trim is also employed to give the STI both a suitably sporty feel and more upmarket ambience.

UK buyers can expect a comprehensive standard spec, in addition to changes over the WRX on the exterior design including the large signature rear wing and larger diameter wheels.

Subaru UK will be launching a dedicated area of its website (www.subaru.co.uk) where prospective owners can register their interest. Subaru in Japan has confirmed that a Fuji Heavy Industries entered STI will compete in this year's Nurburgring 24hr race in June.

Mazda leads new car sales

MAZDA UK saw sales grow by 19 per cent in 2013 from 2012 levels, driven by strong demand for the Mazda CX-5 crossover and Mazda6 saloon and Tourer.

Mazda's performance is well ahead of the industry which reported overall sales up 10.8 per cent last year, according to SMMT figures.

Mazda's sales for the second half of the year were up 40 per cent and there was a huge surge in the final quarter when sales grew by 50 per cent over the same period a year earlier.

With all-new Mazda3 arriving in showrooms from the beginning of this month, the momentum of the final quarter is forecast to continue in 2014. This will predominantly be driven by the growing range and appeal of models with SKYACTIV technology, which will represent over two thirds of the total volume.

"We have had great reports from our dealer network from last weekend's launch activity for Mazda3 with significant orders taken," said Mazda UK managing director Jeremy Thomson (pictured).

He expects the all-new Mazda3 and the continuing success of Mazda6 and Mazda CX-5 to defy convention and outperform the industry again in 2014 with sales growing by around ten per cent in what is expected to be a relatively flat market.

Traditional

The driving forces of 2013 were the SKYACTIV duo of Mazda6 and CX-5. Sales of Mazda CX-5 more than doubled from 2012 levels to some 6,000 units while Mazda6 sales grew by 44 per cent, also reaching close to 6,000 units.

Mazda believes around a third of all new model Mazda6 buyers are switching, from or had actively considered buying, traditional premium brands.

This success is reflected in the growth in core fleet sales, up 60 per cent in 2013 over 2012, led by demand for Mazda6.

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Model shown is the i10 Premium 1.2 at £11,275 in Stardust Grey metallic paint at £455 included, plus optional 15" alloy wheels at £325 included. On the road (OTR) price shown includes customer saving discount where applicable, VAT where applicable, delivery, vehicle first registration fee, number plates and 12 months' Road Fund Licence. *5.9% APR available on all New Generation i10 models. At the end of the Personal Contract Purchase there are 3 options: (i) Renew: Part exchange the vehicle, where equity is available, (ii) Retain: Pay the Optional Final Payment to own the vehicle or (iii) Return the vehicle. Terms and conditions apply. Finance subject to status. Applicants must be 18 or over. Guarantees/Indemnities may be required. Hyundai Motor Finance RH1 1SR. We can introduce you to a limited number of carefully selected finance providers. We may receive a commission from them for the introduction. All offers, finance and savings are subject to availability and are only available to private retail customers on new cars purchased and registered in the UK (excluding Channel Islands or Isle of Man), between 30th January and 31st March 2014, inclusive, sourced through Hyundai Motor UK Ltd or its authorised dealers. Offers are not available for customers under the Hyundai Affinity Programme. 5 Year Warranty terms and exclusions apply. Visit www.hyundai.co.uk/owning or ask your local dealer for details.

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Models Shown: CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S 2WD Manual in optional Passion Red Pearl at £22,495 On The Road; Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £16,995 On The Road; Jazz 1.2 S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £10,495 On The Road (OTR). **Terms and Conditions:** New retail CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S 2WD Manual registered from 2 January 2014 to 31 March 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** *£269 per month example shown based on CR-V 2.0 i-VTEC S 2WD Manual in optional Passion Red Pearl at £22,995 total cash price including 5 year care package at £500 (and total amount payable) with 37 months 0% APR Representative (interest rate per annum 0% fixed) with £4,456.64 (19%) deposit, Guaranteed Future Value / Optional Final Payment of £8,854.53, annual mileage of 10,000 and excess mileage charge: 6p per mile; New retail Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S registered from 2 January 2014 to 31 March 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** *£209 per month example shown based on Civic 1.4 i-VTEC S Manual in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £17,495 total cash price including 5 Year Care Plan at £500 (and total amount payable) with 37 months 0% APR Representative (interest rate per annum 0% fixed) with £3,812.69 (22%) deposit, Guaranteed Future Value / Optional Final Payment of £6,158.38, annual mileage of 10,000 and excess mileage charge: 5p per mile; New retail Jazz 1.2 S registered from 2 January 2014 to 31 March 2014. Subject to model and colour availability. Offers applicable at participating dealers and are at the promoter's absolute discretion. The advertised saving of £1,200 (including VAT) discount to the OTR price for the Jazz 1.2 S applied to the retail invoice. **Honda Aspirations (PCP):** *£140 per month example shown based on Jazz 1.2 S in Milano Red Non-Metallic at £10,995. Total cash price including 5 Year Care Package (and total amount payable) with 37 months 0% APR Representative (interest rate per annum 0% fixed) with £1,795.20 (16%) deposit, Guaranteed Future Value / Optional Final Payment of £4,159.72 annual mileage of 10,000 and excess mileage charge: 3p per mile. You do not have to pay the Final Payment if you return the car at the end of the agreement and you have paid all other amounts due, the vehicle is in good condition and has been serviced in accordance with the Honda service book and the maximum annual mileage has not been exceeded. Indemnities may be required in certain circumstances. Finance is only available to persons aged 18 or over, subject to status. All figures are correct at time of publication but may be subject to change. Credit provided by Honda Finance Europe Plc. 470 London Road, Slough, Berkshire SL3 8QY. The 5 Year Care Package includes: **Servicing:** All scheduled servicing, as detailed in the vehicles service book, will be covered for 5 years or 62,500 miles, whichever comes first. **Warranty:** In addition to the standard 3 year warranty the customer will receive a complimentary 2 year extended guarantee taking the warranty to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **Roadside Assist:** In addition to the standard 3 years roadside assistance package the customer will receive complimentary Hondacare Assistance for a further 2 years, taking it to 5 years or 90,000 miles, whichever comes first. **The 5 Year Care Package:** The 5 Year Care Package is optional. It is being offered for £500 including VAT (usual value £1,545 including VAT) and is available to finance or non-finance customers. Please note, should you sell the vehicle during the period of cover, the package remains with the vehicle.

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Motoring

Chevrolet has Spark to make a difference

By Bob Hickman

SMALL city cars, in company with SUVs, are currently in vogue and the Chevrolet Spark sits nicely in to the city car category.

Deceptive external looks hide an internal space which is Tardis like. The exterior plays tricks with the eyes. The Spark looks like a conventional two-door small hatchback, but look closely and you will find the rear section has two hidden door handles, making it a five-door, five-passenger-carrying vehicle.

The upright appearance and the spacious cabin belies the exterior size of only 3,640mm long and 1,597mm wide.

The little Spark will be a boon when trying to squeeze into that tight, all-most impossible, parking space. It makes the vehicle ideal for a city run-around.

Two engines are offered, both petrol, a 1-litre and a 1.2-litre. My test car had the larger engine, 1206cc. It, produces just 81ps, but when you consider the Spark is such a light vehicle, it is more than sufficient.

The 0-60mph time is just over 12 seconds and Chevrolet suggest a top speed of 102mph. It also suggests 54mpg is achievable, but we always take these figures with a pinch of salt. High 40s was the best I achieved.

It benefits from a low CO2 emissions of 118g/km meaning low excise duty. Whichever engine you chose, a five-speed gearbox is standard.

Delight

The Spark is a very easy companion around town, with adequate performance, and has the benefit of being light and airy. Parking, due to its diminutive size, is a delight. Motoring performance was a surprise in that the vehicle cruised comfortably at the legal limit but inclines did require a few gear changes.

The interior of the vehicle is practical, it is useable and well equipped.

I like the motorcycle-like instrument pod which sits on top of the steering column and gives you all the various bits and pieces of information you need, albeit with fiddly buttons to operate it. There are several storage options which include a double cup holder and a dashboard storage tray.

Just because a vehicle is small doesn't mean to say it has to be an unsafe one, and the Spark has been designed with high levels of safety built in it.

It has six-zone airbags to protect occupants from every direction, two front airbags in the dashboard, side curtain airbags to protect the head as well as seat-mounted thorax and abdomen airbags, seatbelt pretensioners and a pedal retraction system, which takes the pedals away from the driver in the event of a front collision.

All this has enabled the Spark to get four stars in the Euro NCAP crash testing and puts it among the best in its class.

I think the Spark will change expectations of what a small, modern city car should do. It is not overly expensive, the range starts at £8,695. My derivative was the LTZ vehicle, it came in with metallic paint option and an electronic stability system, which boosted the price to £11,495.

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Wolverhampton motorists could be among the first in the world to see and drive the stunning all-New Nissan Qashqai – *What Car?* magazine's newly crowned Car of the Year 2014.

Local retailer, West Way Nissan in Wolverhampton has taken delivery of its first new Qashqai demonstrator vehicles weeks ahead of schedule and will host a special test drive weekend to enable as many people as possible to experience the outstanding newcomer.

The event will be held at the dealership's Birmingham Road showroom from Friday, January 24th to Monday, January 27th. The new model, which is built in Britain and priced from just £17,595, is in big demand and so booking is advisable to avoid disappointment.

Furthermore, any orders placed before the end of January will also receive three years' free servicing.

The weekend event will also feature a suite of enticing deals and special offers to celebrate the model's launch.

This includes an attractive 6.9% APR finance package on the Qashqai Acenta 1.2 DIG-T Manual 2WD, which brings the monthly fee down to just £228.22 per month.

Paul Grennall, General Manager at West Way Nissan, said: "The all-New Qashqai really is an incredible car and it's no surprise to me that *What Car?* has named it Car of the Year.

"It raises the bar to an unbelievable level and I would urge our customers or anyone in the market for a new car to come along to our test drive event to experience it for themselves.

"I know they'll be impressed."

Longer, wider and slightly lower than its predecessor, the stunning new Qashqai has jaw-dropping good looks and instant kerb appeal. Its athletic and muscular stance allows it to look both stylish and sporty at the same time.

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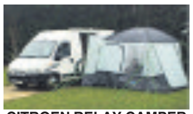

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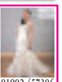

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TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF 'NO LEFT TURN' ORDER

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Throughout the duration of this Order it will be necessary to temporarily suspend the 'No Left Turn' order on Wrottesley Park Road into Pattingham Road

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2014 AT APPROXIMATELY 07:00 AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE NANCHERROW TOUGH GUY EVENT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE EVENT WILL BE COMPLETED BY APPROXIMATELY 16:00.

John Tradewell, Director of Law and Democracy
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Date: 23 January 2014

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Sapphets hold on to division's top place

CURRENT Division 1 netball leaders and reigning champions Sapphets maintained their top spot this week by beating Phoenix 30-13.

Nicola Watson making her debut this season for Sapphets and instrumental in the winning result.

Sam 3 managed to secure a win over Crescent which lifts them out of the relegation zone for the time being.

Dolls 2 and Fusion in Division 2 couldn't be separated in their match, having to settle for a draw, 20 goals each, putting Fusion into second place and Dolls right behind them in third.

Division 4's Sedgley Sirens put on a strong performance against Whitmore A, eventually having to settle for two points, beaten by just three goals 23-20.

Ice climb into third place after their convincing victory over Allsortz in Division 5.

Division 1: Crescent 18 (2) Sam 3 21 (5); Sapphets 30 (5) Phoenix 13 (0); Chasetown A 27 (5) Sam 2 18 (1); Whitmore Y 24 (5) Whitmore X 21 (2).

Division 2: Ladybirds 33 (5) Cresta 18 (1); Libra Lea 40 (5) Jupiter 7 (0); Lucas 16 (5) Eurostars 13 (2); Dolls 1 20 (3) Fusion 20 (3).

Division 3: Roldec 32 (5) Sam 4 17 (1); Wordsley Storks 10 (0) Phoenix Hornets 22 (5); Whitmore J 17 (2) Whitmore Z 18 (5).

Division 4: Sedgley Sirens 20 (2) Whitmore A 23 (5); Chasetown B 18 (1) Dolls 2 25 (5); Breezers 14 (1) Libra Lea Navy 23 (5); Sam 5 10 (0) Thundercats 34 (5).

Division 5: Ice 32 (5) Allsortz 6 (0); Oddessy 13 (5) Phoenix Scorpions 8 (1).

Heathens are set for new season

CRADLEY'S first home meeting of the 2014 season will take place on Tuesday April 1 – when the Heathens face local rivals Coventry in the second leg of the Travel Plus Trophy.

Will Pottingers's revamped side, who will defend a clean sweep of National League honours this year, are set to visit Brandon on Friday March 21 for the first leg as they look to repeat last year's victories over the Storm.

Heathens have three new faces in their line-up this season plus the return of fans' favourite Tom Perry, and it means they will immediately come up against 2012-13 team member Dan Greenwood, who has switched to Coventry over the winter.

Luke squares up to Swifty

WALSALL light welterweight, Luke Paddock, warmed up for his Bronze Masters Title clash with Stoke's Kevin Hanks by making an appearance at Banks's Stadium on Saturday.

The 22 year-old Bloxwich boxer watched Walsall share the spoils with Brentford at their home ground before being introduced to the 5,295 crowd at half-time.

Paddock takes on Hanks on EJKO Promotions' March Mayhem show at Walsall Town Hall on Saturday, March 1. Tickets are £30 and £60 Ringside and available from Walsall Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900.

Boss Mel shows shape of things to come

Albion 1 Everton 1

Football

IF you thought the appointment was risky, wait until you see the football.

Just as he promised, new head coach Pepe Mel has switched to a front-footed pursuit of the points Albion will need to silence the alarms which brought about his appointment – and fans should steel themselves for a white-knuckle ride to the end of the season.

At times, The Hawthorns didn't quite know what to make of it all but ultimately gave Mel's opening hand a resounding ovation after Diego Lugano's glorious 75th-minute header cancelled out Everton's first-half lead provided by Kevin Mirallas.

Ultimately, a game contested at a relentless pace delivered a fair result to accompany its substantial entertainment and the home supporters, who began to respond to the promised, high-tempo urgency of a reviving Albion, left wondering what is in store for them.

They certainly never expected the line-up which Mel chose to make his debut.

The right flank was torn asunder, Steven Reid and Zoltan Gera replacing Billy Jones and Morgan Amalfitano. No Youssouf Mulumbu and a starting spot, too, for Matej Vydra; the man from Madrid could not have picked a more orthodox and English 4-4-2.

And, yes, a place for Nicolas Anelka who chose one heck of a moment to prove that he might not be the troublesome, busted flush so many had supposed.

Anelka was a primary source of creative influence for Albion before giving way to Saido Berahino for the last 15 minutes.

The wide-ranging changes were clearly the result of a coach arriving to view training with no entrenched opinions of the personnel at his disposal; it also meant another appearance for the so-far dormant James Morrison.

He responded with a performance which justified his selection, nowhere more evidently than in setting up Lugano's equaliser.

Mel is striving for a balance – "in the first half we were too open and in the second half we were compact and better" – but Hawthorns regulars will have spotted the change in onus. Yacob was hunting down opponents much further up the pitch, as were his full-backs and forwards. It gave Albion greater urgency but, in an Everton team chasing a Champions League spot, they found opponents able to exploit the gaps.

A lack of pace in the centre of defence deprived of the Yacob-Mulumbu comfort blanket will be Mel's most obvious concern – a point driven home by Everton's 41st-minute goal. One late scare saw Everton deprived of a winner when Distin, clearly offside, converted a Gareth Barry shot with the last kick of the match.

McAlinden's lead lost as Chelsea in fightback

Wolves Under-21s 1 Chelsea Under-21s 2

LIAM MCALINDEN saw the lead he gave Wolves snatched away as they were beaten by a Chelsea side who came from behind to win at muddy Telford.

Two goals from nippy striker Islam Feruz gave Chelsea the edge and cancelled out Liam McAlinden's excellently-worked opener as Doherty played an hour.

Wolves had a let off in the fourth minute when Feruz found himself clean through but he could only toe-poke wide after keeper Jonathan Flatt narrowed the angle.

But they established an early stranglehold on the game with two chances for Eusebio Bancessi, who was again impressive.

The Portuguese winger had an effort ruled out for offside in the seventh minute after finishing with a firm left-foot drive after Kevin Foley, who started at left-back, sent him clear.

Then Bancessi cut inside on to his left foot and had keeper Mitchell Beeney fingertipping his low effort on to the post, the rebound falling out of reach of McAlinden.

Value

After starting the better side, Wolves were good value for their 17th minute lead.

Midfielder Sam Whittall did superbly to wriggle through two challenges in Chelsea's midfield before releasing McAlinden for a first-time left-foot finish into the top corner.

But the hosts had to do some defending when Feruz turned away from George Elokobi only for Foley to come to the rescue and nip the ball off his toe on 22.

Chelsea gradually came back into the game and equalised four minutes before the break.

Feruz slid in to net an angled left-foot volley after former Albion midfielder Isaiah Brown crossed from the left. Chelsea looked to take the game to Wolves at the start of the second half and Lewis Baker's curling free kick on 48 looked to be spinning in after a wicked deflection only for the loose ball to be scrambled away.

Football

The winner came 20 minutes later when Feruz volleyed home in style after Jeremie Boga got to the byeline and crossed.

Substitute Ibrahim Keita fired home on 81 but it was disallowed after he handled Whittall's cross when presented with a free header.

Feruz wasted the chance of his hat-trick in the last minute when he ballooned over from the spot after Tim Jakobsson brought him down from behind.

Wolves (4-5-1, 4-4-2 61 mins): Flatt; Doherty (Cranston 61), Ebanks-Landell, Elokobi, Foley; Bancessi, Kostrna, Jakobsson, Whittall, Parry (Kellerman 72); McAlinden (Keita 61).

Subs not used: Iorfa, Dutton (gk).

Chelsea (4-2-3-1): Beeney; Dabo, Davey, Christensen, Ake; Swift, Baker; Kiwomya (Loftus-Cheek 55), Boga, Brown (Ssewankambo 83); Feruz.

Subs not used: Nditi, Conroy, Collins (gk).

Referee: Martin Dexter (Leicester).

Attendance: 384.

Liam McAlinden celebrates putting his side in the lead against Chelsea who came back to win the Under-21s game

Villa feel cheated as lead is snatched away

Liverpool 2 Villa 2

VILLA arrived at Anfield expected to be the fall guys. But when Luis Suarez went to ground under Brad Guzan's challenge, everyone knew what was coming next.

Steven Gerrard's penalty rescued Liverpool a point and sparked a debate which is unlikely to have a winner.

The storm should not overshadow what was Villa's best and most complete performance of the season, but it will dominate the headlines.

After being 2-0 ahead, the visitors will feel a sense of injustice over the result. But sympathy must be given to referee Jon Moss. From his position, and with one view in "real time", he was left with little alternative but to award the spot-kick.

Suarez's reputation precedes him and it seems he would need to be hit by a juggernaut in the area to escape any questions. It's not in vogue to sympathise with the striker – he has done plenty to be quizzed on – but would any player in the Premier League have done any different?

As much as diving is deplored, it is part of the modern game and Suarez was just playing that game to perfection.

The debate will rage and Guzan and Ron Vlaar were philosophical after the game. But, when pressed on Suarez, their expressions said everything.

Incisive passing tore through Liverpool with little sign of the aimless long ball which has been Plan A and B recently.

This was Villa at their best and had they not lost Gabby Agbonlahor to a foot injury early in the second half after he tumbled over the advertising boards, it could have been even better.

Robbed of his pace, they were not the same threat and unable to stretch the floundering Kolo Toure and Aly Cissokho.

When Agbonlahor is in the mood he can be unplayable and for 45 minutes on Saturday he tore the Liverpool defence to ribbons. Grant Holt did an admirable job as his replacement on debut, but could not offer the same injection. That Villa did not crumble after Gerrard's leveller showed admirable grit.

Skipper Vlaar handled Suarez as well as anyone has done in the Premier League this season with the Uruguayan spending more time moaning than menacing. His flicks and tricks went unrewarded but, even on an off-day, he still hauled Liverpool back into the game.

His run, and Jordan Henderson's flick, conjured a goal for Daniel Sturridge in first-half stoppage time. It was undeserved with Villa 2-0 up and, in truth, the margin could have been wider.

Agbonlahor poked wide inside the first minute and Ciaran Clark thumped a header against the post. Andi Weimann finally tapped in after 26 minutes.

Ten minutes later the revitalised Christian Benteke made it 2-0.

Sturridge's goal a minute before the break was as crucial as it was well-worked and gave Liverpool a chance.

It was one they took within five minutes of the break thanks to Gerrard's penalty.

But Villa refused to crumble as Guzan saved from Henderson and Suarez sent a 30-yard free-kick wide.

Fabian Delph curled Villa's best chance wide with their threat reduced, but resilience intact.

Mistakes hand the victory to Glovers

Blues 0 Yeovil 2

BIRMINGHAM assistant manager Terry McDermott bemoaned the mistakes that handed second-from-bottom Yeovil Town three precious points in the relegation scrap.

But McDermott paid rich credit to teenager Reece Brown after an impressive league debut from the youngster.

James Hayter was the match-winner for the Glovers, striking the opener in the 12th minute and then doubling his side's lead seven minutes later.

The Somerset outfit were undoubtedly helped by a calamitous mistake by Birmingham's stand-in central defender Hayden Mullins.

The veteran attempted and completely missed an intended headed back-pass to his goalkeeper Darren Randolph and Hayter ran past the Birmingham defender to slide home the first goal.

Randolph was then beaten for a second time when Hayter glanced home a header from a left-wing cross by Joe Ralls.

Hayter's two-goal blast was a wake-up call for Birmingham and Lee Novak hit the crossbar with a header before teenager Brown hammered in a blistering shot which was saved by Marek Stech.

Invite for all runners to have a heart

RUNNERS of all abilities are being invited to get their trainers on and get out to take part in a charity run to help raise funds and save lives.

This year's Action Heart five mile run will be held on Sunday February 23 from 9.30am and will be starting out from Dudley.

It is the 23rd year the charity has organised the event which raises money to fund cardiac rehabilitation treatment.

The run starts and finishes at Russells Hall Hospital Dudley and runners from first timers to seasoned joggers and on to the more experienced athletes are welcome to enter.

If the running sounds too energetic for anyone they can still take part and enter as a walker.

All funds raised from the event will be used directly by the Action Heart cardiac rehabilitation programme which is based in Dudley.

For more details and an entry form visit www.action-heartruning.com or contact 01384 292233.

Hayes fight back to draw

Heath Hayes 3
Gornal Athletic 2

HEATH HAYES came back from two goals down to clinch the points in a crucial Midland Alliance relegation battle. Richard Smith fired Gornal into a fifth-minute lead.

Hayes rallied but were then caught out by a quick break and Ravi Sangha who doubled his side's lead.

Hayes got the ideal start to the second half when Tom Baggott headed powerfully home from a corner.

This inspired the home side and Baggott equalised. The winner came in the 82nd minute through Dave Waple .

Grant to get first cap for England squad

Rugby

WOLVERHAMPTON'S Grant Reynolds is among 11 new caps in England's deaf's starting XV for their international against Wales at Cardiff Arms Park on Sunday January 26 (1.30pm).

England have lost several senior players through retirement since they beat Wales at Fylde in their last international two years ago and only three members of this season's squad – openside flanker Ian Collins and replacements Brett Bruce and Nick Todd – have 10 or more caps.

The newcomers in the squad are full-back Max Thorne, centre Tom Bridgeman, fly-half Sam Scadeng, loosehead prop Joshua Sprules, hooker Oliver Evans, lock Grant Reynolds and blindside flanker Luke Cheyne in the starting XV plus replacements Sam Taylor, Richard Browne, Jack Hunt and Aaron Beesley.

The Cardiff match will be the first time England Deaf have played an international on a 4g rubber crumb pitch.

The England Deaf Rugby Union was formed in 2003 to provide opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing rugby players to play for their country. Players are eligible to play for England Deaf and the England Deaf Rugby Union for Women if they have a combined hearing loss of 25db or more in both ears.

This roughly translates to a minimum hearing loss in both ears or a moderate hearing loss in one ear but with normal hearing in the other.

Not all of the players wear hearing aids or only communicate by sign language and this has never stopped all the players communicating and playing rugby as a squad.

EDRU offers Deaf Awareness advice to clubs and schools to help integrate deaf and hard of hearing players.

Former England Deaf international Mat Gilbert has made a successful career as a professional rugby career as a back-row forward first with Scarlets and now with Bath in the Aviva Premiership.

England Deaf squad v Wales:
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14 Lee WoollarD (Sidcup)
13 Jack Haddock (Harpenden)
12 Tom Bridgeman (Kettering)
11 Adam Faulkner (Cheddar)
10 Sam Scadeng (Sutton Coldfield)
9 Graham Sage (Cleve)
1 Joshua Sprules (Bletchley)
2 Oliver Evans (Hartpury College)
3 Peter Altham (Grasshoppers)
4 Ryan Arbon (Hitchin)
5 Grant Reynolds (Wolverhampton)
6 Luke Cheyne (Sale FC)
7 Ian Collins (Sevenoaks)
8 Barney Reed (Shoreham)
Replacements: Brett Pruce (Aylestone St James), Sam Taylor (Oxford University), Paul Cooper (Romford & Gidea Park), Nick Todd (Aylesbury), Richard Browne (Thatcham), Jack Hunt (Northampton Old Scouts), Aaron Beesley (Southsea Nomads), Liam Rowe (Swindon)

Brace by Webb is decisive for Wulfs

AFC Wulfrunians 4
Dunkirk 1

AN impressive brace from Jake Webb was a decisive factor as AFC Wulfrunians romped to victory over Dunkirk in the Midland Alliance.

Phil Granville had at one point given the visitors a way back into the match, but goals from Andy Thompson and Scott Stevenson secured the win for Wulfs.

Webb put Wulfs in front in the 22nd minute with a header – the only goal of the first half.

Dunkirk flew out of the blocks in the second half, levelling the scores just one minute after the interval.

Granville saw his first effort saved by Danny Tipton's feet. However, he managed to lob the ball into the net.

Wulfs were back in the lead through Webb on 54 minutes.

Stevenson turned provider when he delivered a wonderful cross from the right to allow Thompson to turn the ball into the back of the net at the near post.

Thompson repaid the favour by playing Stevenson in to round the keeper and complete the scoring.

Villa season now on the turn – Vlaar

RON VLAAR has insisted Villa's season is turning but warned the claret and blues they cannot afford to slip up.

The skipper believes there have been clear signs Villa are improving after an indifferent first half of the season.

Paul Lambert's side are 10th in the Premier League but have come under fire for their style and were dumped out of the FA Cup by League One Sheffield United.

Despite their mid-table position they are still just six points off the bottom of the table and Vlaar has urged Villa not to ease up.

He said: "You have to earn the momentum and work extra hard. December wasn't an easy one for us but in January we won at Sunderland, lost to Arsenal and have now got a point at Anfield. That's not bad.

"There's nothing we can do about the break (to Albion next week). We have to produce the same performance again.

"We have to believe we can do it at home."

Wolves Women take a tough route to semis

Solihull Ladies 1 Wolves 1
After Extra Time (Wolves win 3-1 on penalties)

WOLVES Women laboured to a penalty shootout win over Solihull Ladies to reach the semi finals of the Birmingham County Cup.

Football

A battling start saw both sides look to control the game from midfield, but neither side were able to dictate play.

Wolves took the lead on 32 minutes when a Lauren Williams free-kick was poked home by Dani Selmes.

Both sides were struggling to create chances in a combative match, and Wolves were unable to create another opening until early in the second half, when Selmes fired over with defenders in close attention.

Solihull began to create chances of their own, with goalkeeper Natalie Hall forced into some good saves to keep Wolves ahead.

And while Wolves were able to get away with defensive errors in the first half, they were punished before the hour mark when Solihull equalised.

A free-kick was allowed to bounce in front of the goalkeeper and Solihull netted from close range to level the score.

Wolves should have been back in front two minutes later, but Selmes could only fire at the keeper when through on goal.

Hall was forced into another good save on 66 minutes, before Selmes was once again denied by the Solihull keeper.

The two sides could not be separated over 90 minutes, and extra time saw Anna Perks go close with a volley before Hall made a superb save at the death to force penalties.

And Hall was the hero once more in the shootout, superbly saving two Solihull shots from the penalty spot to send Wolves into the semi final, with Laura McQuilkin, Lauren Williams Selmes converting from the spot.

After the game, manager Trevor Mullings was relieved to get through.

He said: "I'm pleased to have reached the semi finals, but we made things far too difficult for ourselves.

"We passed well at times but just did not create enough and made too many silly mistakes.

"I'm expecting a big improvement next week," he added.

Team: N. Hall, Large (Stanton), Palin, Widdal, Rimmer (Williams), Hakeman (James), Perks, Timmins-Ray (B. Hall), McQuilkin, Hewitt (Luke), Selmes.

Jade Hewitt in the thick of the action for Wolves against Solihull during a game which came down to penalties

We'll cope without Anelka – Anichebe

VICTOR ANICHEBE says Albion can cope without Nicolas Anelka as the Baggies striker was hit with a Football Association charge.

Anelka faces a minimum five-match ban after the FA finally made a decision on his controversial 'quenelle' celebration.

He was charged with abusive behaviour under rule E3 (1), including a reference to ethnic origin and/or race and/or religion or belief.

The 34-year-old, who started Monday night's 1-1 draw with Everton, has until 6pm on Thursday to respond to the charge.

Anelka was charged for making the gesture – described as an inverted Nazi salute – after scoring against West Ham on December 28.

But it has taken this long for the FA to come to a concrete conclusion over the controversial celebration which has offended many people.

However, Anichebe, who made his comeback from injury last night against his former club believes the Baggies could handle life without Anelka.

Captain is a marvel in comeback

Tipton Town 2 Quorn 2

A LAST-gasp equaliser by Captain Marvel Chris Waterhouse deep into injury time completed a dramatic comeback for Town.

Waterhouse poked home after a goalmouth scramble in the 96th minute to ensure a share of the points after Quorn had led 2-0 with 85 minutes gone.

Quorn came out much more positively in the second half, and took the lead when Tom Cooper rifled home from close range.

And the lead was doubled on 74 minutes by Liam Reed.

Mike Perk's first league goal of the season signalled the start of the fight back for the Tipton side who carved two excellent chances in stoppage time.

And it was in stoppage time that captain Waterhouse bundled home from just yards out to extend Tipton's unbeaten run to six games.

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We're still in a good position – Jackett

KENNY JACKETT says Wolves remain in a good position despite losing ground in the race for automatic promotion.

As Wolves reflected on the sad loss of goalkeeping great Bert Williams at the weekend, Jackett's side fell four points behind second-placed Brentford, who drew 1-1 at Walsall, while leaders Leyton Orient are a point further clear after winning 2-1 at Crewe.

Wolves' game at Crawley was postponed on Friday afternoon because of a waterlogged pitch.

Crawley chief executive Martin Dunford said the match might not be re-arranged until March or April.

But head coach Jackett insisted Wolves are looking well placed for a strong push in the last 20 games.

"With 20 games left, we're in a good position; we're not in the top two which is something we want to be," he said.

"But we're within touching distance. If we get the equation right on the field, we can continue our progress and get where we want to be, which is back in the Championship at the first attempt.

"We're not far away; we've been in and competed in every game this season.

"But I'm also aware the points total for the top two is going to be very high."

Westcarr is hero of hour

Walsall 1 Brentford1

On the day last season's top scorer Will Grigg made his return to the Banks's with Brentford, it was the Saddlers' current top marksman Craig Westcarr who stole the headlines.

Westcarr's strike cancelled out Clayton Donaldson's 30th-minute opener and earned the hosts a point, albeit after a second half where they came close to grabbing three in a thrilling game.

It also ended Brentford's eight-game winning league run, denied them a club record and knocked them off the top of League One.

A result which, once again, confirmed the Saddlers as the side none of the division's top dogs want to face. In the short-term, Saturday's result saw the Saddlers fall out of the play-off places but there were enough signs to suggest they will be back.

Wolves have eye on £3m forward Tomlin

Football

WOLVES have enquired about £3m-rated Peterborough forward Lee Tomlin as head coach Kenny Jackett admitted various bids had been made for players.

Tomlin, who has scored nine goals this season and often plays in the attacking midfield role Jackett has identified, is the latest target to emerge this transfer window.

Peterborough rejected three bids for stockily-built Tomlin from Celtic in the summer rising to £2.5m, interest which is said to have turned the head of the forward, who submitted a transfer request.

And with Tomlin into the last 18 months of his contract, the former Rushden and Diamonds man has now been made available by Posh. The London Road club would be reluctant to sell their star player to a promotion rival, hence the inflated asking price which is likely to see Wolves continue to trawl the market for value for money as the clock ticks down to the deadline on January 31.

Tomlin is currently banned for two games after being sent off for the second time this season in Posh's 2-1 defeat at Swindon.

The 25-year-old has been a solid performer at London Road, but five red cards since joining Posh in 2010 and seven in his career have put question marks over his discipline. Jackett stressed he doesn't expect more than one more signing this month unless Wolves suffer injuries.

"We've made various bids at various times for different players, or enquiries, over the last few months," said Jackett.

"I'm not going to name any individuals, unless their clubs agree a fee. But we're not at that situation with any player at present.

"In this window I'd be very surprised if it's more than one addition. It would need an injury to be more."

Wolves have failed with one bid for £1m-rated Coventry striker Leon Clarke, while Jackett watched the similarly-valued Scott Hogan from Rochdale at the weekend and has Celtic's Callum McGregor and on-loan Swindon man Alex Prichard on his radar, among others.

Jackett refused to be drawn on Wolves' bid for Clarke, despite Sky Blues boss Steven Pressley claiming interest from Molineux.

"I read Pressley's comments but it would be unprofessional to comment," said Jackett. Jackett again hinted at unhappiness in his current attack however, with Leigh Griffiths's future again under the spotlight.

BANKS IN TRIBUTE TO FELLOW LEGEND

WORLD Cup winner Gordon Banks paid a heartfelt tribute to Bert Williams, describing him as the most agile goalkeeper ever.

The man recognised as Wolves' greatest keeper passed away peacefully at Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital on Sunday morning, surrounded by his family. He was 93.

Williams was England's oldest living international who played at the World Cup in 1950, winning 24 caps in a glittering career which saw him help Wolves become one of the top teams in the world, claiming the FA Cup in 1949 and the League title in 1954.

In his 420 appearances for Wolves from 1945-57 – a club record for a goalkeeper which stood for 42 years until it was overtaken by Mike Stowell in 1999 – he inspired people such as Banks, who is recognised as one of the country's greatest goalkeepers and was part of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team.

Agile

"Bert has to be in the top group of goalkeepers to have played the game," the 76-year-old said.

"He should be remembered as the most agile goalkeeper ever.

"He really could leap across that goal like no-one else – I've never seen anyone else come up to his standards.

"I've seen great goalkeepers like the Russian Lev Yashin, but Bert was smaller and had this extra leap to get across the goal and cover the top corner of the net – he was absolutely brilliant.

"You have to remember

Football

Wolves were a really great side at the time, not just in this country but throughout Europe. He played for England at a World Cup, so his standing was very high in the game.

"I know Ron Flowers very well and he said Bert was a great player, which is a top recommendation from an outstanding player himself.

"He had a great name in the game but he deserved it – he was brave and he was a great goalkeeper.

The pair became firm friends in recent years and Banks used to travel from his home in Crewe to Bert's house in Shifnal.

"He was a gentleman – I admired him so much," said Banks, who played for Stoke and Leicester.

"He was a lovely man – it was just a great privilege to have known him and actually meet him. He was such a nice man. I admired him so much as a young boy and as a young man starting out in football.

"So to have seen him play and know what a great goalkeeper he was, then met him in later life was a great honour for me."

Banks said watching Bert taught him to be more mentally aware in his penalty area.

Wolves legend Bert Williams pictured recently with his goalkeeping friend Gordon Banks

Anelka is charged by the FA

WEST Bromwich Albion striker Nicolas Anelka has been charged by the FA after making a gesture considered to be anti-Semitic during a goal celebration.

He performed the 'quenelle' gesture during a goal celebration in West Bromwich Albion's match against West Ham on December 28, and now faces a minimum five-match ban.

The gesture isn't well known here but it caused a storm across the Channel as it is deemed anti-Semitic by critics in France.

The 34-year-old striker, who started in Monday night's 1-1 draw with Everton, claimed his actions were in support of his friend, French comedian Dieudonne M'Bala M'Bala, and insisted the gesture was 'anti-establishment', not intended to be offensive.

But he has been charged by the FA.

A statement from the FA on Tuesday read: "The FA has charged the West Bromwich Albion player Nicolas Anelka following an incident that occurred during the West Ham United versus West Bromwich Albion fixture at the Boleyn Ground on December 28.

"It is alleged that, in the 40th minute of the fixture, Anelka made a gesture which was abusive and/or indecent and/or insulting and/or improper, contrary to FA Rule E3 (1). It is further alleged that this is an aggravated breach, as defined in FA Rule E3 (2), in that it included a reference to ethnic origin and/or race and/or religion or belief.

"Anelka has until 6pm on January 23 to respond to the charge." Albion have insisted the former France international remains available pending a decision.

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